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CZECHS AGAIN CROSS GERMAN BORDER

ATTEMPT TO BURN BRIDGES

Berlin Incensed By Frontier Violation; Warning Delivered

Berlin, May 23.

The third alleged infringement of German territory by Czechoslovakians is reported to-night by the Official News Agency.

It asserts some Czech soldiers covered with straw the border bridges at Ulrichsburg and Hohenfurth, north of Linz, which are half Czech and half German. They allegedly poured petrol over the straw and tried to set the bridges on fire.

While carrying out this attempt they are said to have stepped into German territory, on the German side of the bridge.

The Official News Agency adds that when German frontier guards appeared the Czech soldiers withdrew into their own territory.—*Reuter*.

Henlein Sees Hodza

Prague, May 23.
Herr Konrad Henlein, leader of the Sudeten Germans, arrived in the capital this evening and went to interview the Prime Minister, Dr. Milan Hodza shortly afterwards.
A communique issued by the Sudeten German party states informal conversations were begun by Herr Henlein and Dr. Hodza with the primary purpose of clarifying and tranquillising the political situation.
The meeting is described as the first of a series. This is the first time that the Prime Minister and Herr Henlein have come face to face, and the meeting is a result of the (Continued on Page 4.)

STOP PRESS

No Answer To Protest

London, May 23.
No reply has been received from the insurgent authorities in Burgos in answer to the British Government's protest against deliberate attacks on British ships, stated Mr. R. A. Butler, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, in answer to a question in the House of Commons this evening.
Mr. Butler added that the British Agent in Burgos had been instructed to pursue the matter, pointing out that in addition to the deliberate attacks of which the British Government had evidence, there had been a number of air raids in which British ships had been seriously damaged and British lives had been lost, through bombs being dropped in proximity to ships in harbour.
The British Government considered there was ample ground for insisting that these incidents should cease, and that proper care should be exercised by bombing aircraft in selecting objectives.—*Reuter*.

TRIBUTE PAID TO FRANCE, BRITAIN

Bucharest, May 23.
A statement issued by authorised circles here pays tribute to the timely and well-thought intervention of France and especially of Great Britain "with regard to the Czechoslovakian question."
The statement adds that as a result, perhaps the most difficult moment for many years has now become past history.—*Reuter*.
(Further Stop Press News on Page 12.)

INCIDENTS AROUSE GERMANY

Won't Submit To
Any Further
Provocation

Berlin, May 23.

Political circles here manifest great indignation at incidents which have occurred on the Czechoslovak frontier.

It is declared that the attempted blowing up of the bridges over the River Thaya by Czechoslovak soldiers and the flying over of German territory at Barenstein by a Czechoslovak military airplane constitute serious provocations and it is expected that the German Government will make an energetic protest at Prague.
It is pointed out that public opinion in no country would tolerate such encroachments on national territory.
Germany will not calmly submit to any further provocation of that kind, it is added.—*Trans-Ocean*.

ITALIAN VIEW

Rome, May 23.
Political circles here consider that an article by the well-known specialist in Balkan affairs, Signor Zingarelli, in the *Popolo di Roma* expresses the views of the Italian Government on the situation in Czechoslovakia.

The article says: "The Prague Government must be more convinced than ever of the necessity of avoiding anything about either today or tomorrow a solution of the Czechoslovak question by force."
"If Prague meets Herr Henlein half way this would facilitate Berlin's task, since nothing justifies the supposition that Germany is aiming at bringing about either today or tomorrow a solution of the Czechoslovak question by force."

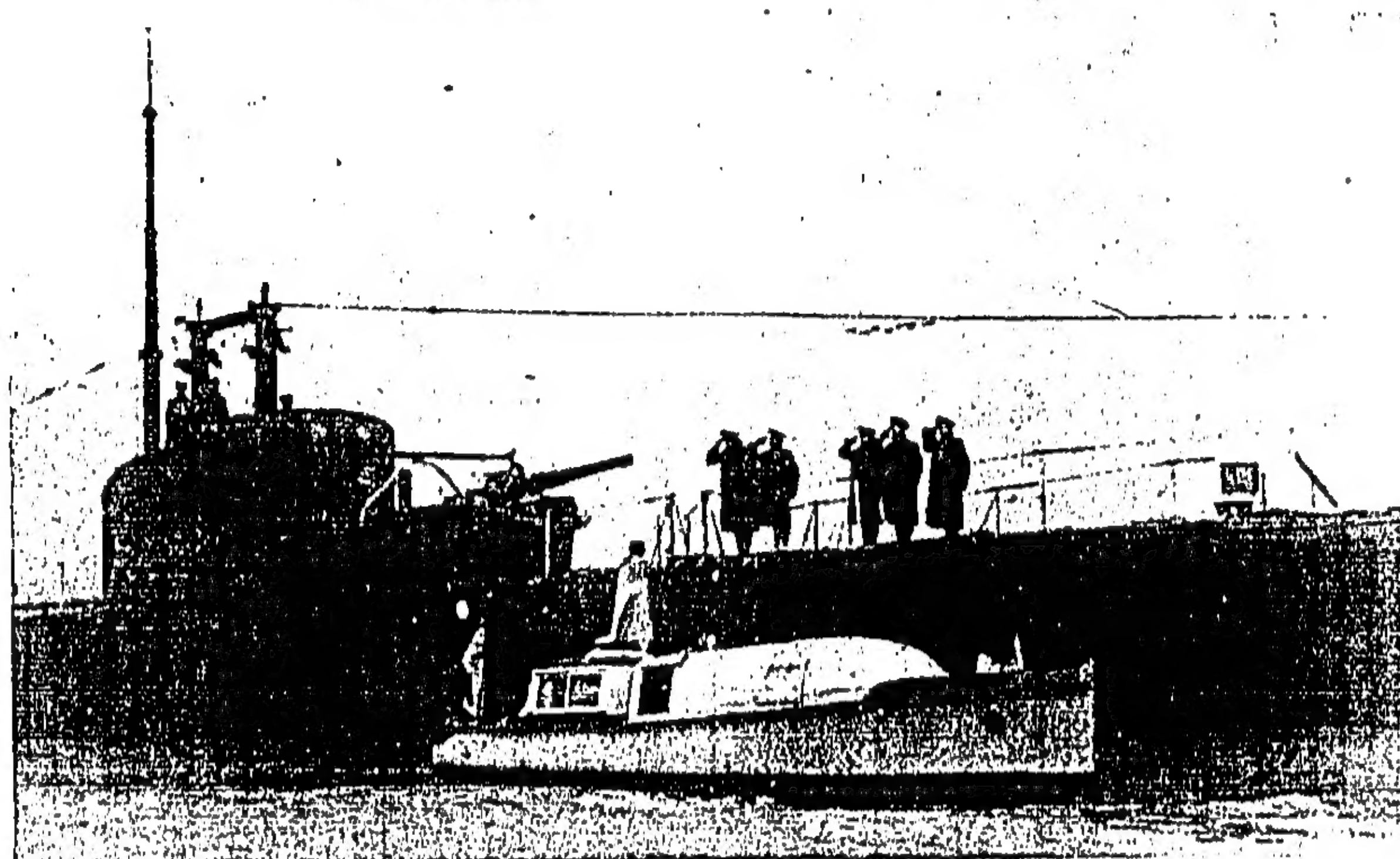
The article goes on to point out that even the Czech Coalition Parties demand the resignation of the Chief of the General Staff, General Krejci, who was responsible for the recent military measures.—*Trans-Ocean*.

HEAVY DEMAND FOR GOLD

London, May 23.

The heavy demand for gold, influenced by the tense international situation, pushed the price of the metal to-day to its highest peak since March 19.—*United Press*.

Says Economic Collapse Will Defeat Japan



GOVERNOR GOES TO SEA—His Excellency the Governor going aboard H.M.S. Rorqual this morning. The big submarine is carrying out exercises of a routine nature. Of the mine-layer class, the ship is one of the most modern in the world.—*Staff Photographer*.

BRITAIN'S PART OUTLINED

Chamberlain Urges
Restraint And
Full Agreement

London, May 23.

In the House of Commons this evening the Premier, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, in reply to questions by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Clement Attlee, gave a brief summary of events in Czechoslovakia.

"In the face of this situation, the British Government used all its influence wherever it could be effected on the side of restraint," the Premier said.

Mr. Chamberlain said he understood the situation at the moment; had somewhat eased, the elections having passed without undue incident.
It had been arranged for Herr Henlein, the Sudeten leader, to see the Czech Premier, Dr. Milan Hodza, either to-night or to-morrow.

His Majesty's Government had represented to Czechoslovakia the need to take every precaution for avoiding incidents, and to make every possible effort to reach a comprehensive and lasting agreement with the Sudeten Party.

The British Government had enjoyed the full co-operation of the French Government, Mr. Chamberlain declared.

The Czechoslovakian Government had responded with appreciation to the British to the British interest with an assurance that they were resolved to seek an early solution of the difficulties.

The British Government had also represented to the German Government the urgent importance of a settlement and that European peace should be preserved. The German Foreign Minister, Herr von Ribbentrop, had stated that Germany welcomed the British efforts and that the German Government fully shared Britain's desire to see negotiations succeed.—*Reuter*.

ASSURANCES TO BERLIN

Berlin, May 23.

It is learned that Herr Hitler sent one of his closest collaborators to London to assure Great Britain that Germany had not the slightest intention of marching into Czechoslovakia.

The embassy spoke to Herr von Drexler, the German Ambassador, and several British statesmen, and expressed the hope that the Czechs would respect the election results.

London reports state that Herr Hitler's personal adjutant, Captain Fritz Wiedemann, secretly visited the British capital.
Meanwhile tension has been revived in Germany by alleged Czech frontier violations.—*United Press*.

MYSTERIOUS QUAKE JARS HONGKONG

No-One Knows Epicentre; But Formosa Likeliest Source of Tremors

The earthquake that shook Hongkong at 4.26 p.m. yesterday also rocked Manila, Shanghai and other parts of the Far East.

But no-one knows at present where it occurred!

There were two major earthquakes yesterday afternoon. They occurred within an hour of each other.

The first, which was recorded in Hongkong at 3.25 p.m., local time, has been located in Japan. It caused extensive damage there.

The second earthquake, which was of greater intensity than the earlier disturbance, is believed to have occurred somewhere in Formosa. Its epicentre is definitely known to be 490 miles from Hongkong but records do not show in what direction.

The maximum amplitude of the "mystery" earthquake, as recorded at the Royal Observatory in Hongkong, was 82 millimetres.

"Both earthquakes may be classed as major disturbances," a Royal Observatory official told the *Telegraph* this morning.

"If either took place near any populated district, it would have caused extensive damage."

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The official statement, issued by the Royal Observatory, is:

"Two earthquakes were recorded at the Royal Observatory in Hongkong yesterday. The first was recorded at 15 hours 45 minutes, five seconds, Hongkong Time, the seismograph indicating that the disturbance took place 1,000 miles from Hongkong.
"At 10 hours, 23 minutes, 31 seconds, a strong earthquake, the distance of which was 400 miles from Hongkong, was recorded. The maximum amplitude of the latter earthquake was 82 millimetres and was felt by many persons in the Colony."

"From the records obtained, it is impossible to state the bearing of the two earthquakes from Hongkong, but it is significant that the distances from the Colony are those of central Japan and Formosa respectively."

NO DAMAGE

Manila, May 23.
An earthquake of medium intensity rocked Manila and the vicinity at

CHINA WAR MAKES VAST INROADS ON INVADERS' WEALTH

Chinese Semi-Military State Could Resist For Lengthy Period

Washington, May 23.

The Foreign Affairs Association, in a statement issued to-day, predicts that political and economic collapse at Home, rather than Chinese resistance, threatens to defeat Japan.

The Association's research expert, Mr. David E. Popper, termed the present conflict the "Fateful War of the Far East" which will possibly cost Japan its place as a world Power, minimised the importance of the Japanese victory at Hsuechow.

"Even if the Chinese are driven from Hankow it is quite conceivable that they will succeed in the organisation of an almost self-sufficient semi-military state in the unconquered interior, which would be an important source of perpetual resistance."

The statement reviews the economic burden heaped on Japan by the prolongation of hostilities.
"Hostilities are forcing Japan to make new inroads on foreign investments and her gold reserves, which already have been greatly reduced during the course of the past year,"—*United Press*.

JAPANESE MENACE REMOVED

Chengchow, May 24.

Japanese menace to Kailong and Kweitch has been successfully removed after a Chinese counter-attack, effectively aided by mechanised units.

Considerable tension prevailed at Kailong on May 21 and 22 when a Japanese column from Chihsen, 30 kilometres south of Lanfeng, made an appearance at Peichieh, about 30 miles of Kailong. In a spirited encounter the Chinese defeated the Japanese and recaptured Peichieh in the afternoon of May 22. Hotly pursuing them, the Chinese inflicted considerable casualties on their rear-guard yesterday.

After being repulsed by the Chinese the day before, a Japanese unit of 500 men at Luluehuan, east of Kweitch, retreated in a southerly direction yesterday. A strong Chinese mechanised unit proceeding from Kweitch westward to Lanfeng (Continued on Page 4.)

MEXICAN REBELS PURSUED

Government Claims
Situation Soon
Liquidated

Mexico City, May 23.

The Secretary for Defence, General Manuel Avila Camacho, telephoning to *United Press* from San Luis Potosi, states that Federal forces are pursuing the rebels at full speed.
"Our aeroplanes are most active, and we will soon liquidate the situation."

"The uprising in Cuernavaca is not important, and the whole affair is centred here,"—*United Press*.

CARDENAS DIRECTS

San Luis Potosi, May 23.
President Cardenas is personally directing the Federal troops who are engaged in battle with the rebels here. Meanwhile, in Mexico City, the Minister for War states that the rebels are already demoralised, and have commenced negotiations for surrender.—*United Press*.

CHINESE ARMIES ESCAPE

Cut Way Through
Japanese Cordon

(Special to "Telegraph")

Peiping, May 23.

Most of Chinese troops claimed to have been trapped south-east of Hsuechow have escaped and rejoined the forces under General Li Chung-jen at Kweitch.

The Chinese, as they retreated on their remarkable fight through Japan's "steel cordon," through which Japanese military leaders boasted they would never escape, are believed to have suffered severe losses of men and equipment.

It is evident from a flight over the area to-day, made in a Japanese plane by a group of foreign war correspondents, that great damage has been done to villages and towns through which the Chinese passed.

Flying from Peiping to Tsinan, and thence to Lincheng, which was captured by the Japanese yesterday, the journalists looped the recent battle area, flying over Talerchwan, (Continued on Page 4.)

KONOYE TO RESHUFFLE CABINET

Tokyo Newspaper's
Prediction

Tokyo, May 23.

The *Asahi Shimbun* asserts that Premier, Prince Konoze, is planning to reconstruct and strengthen his Cabinet.

The newspaper predicts Cabinet changes will be rendered possible with the fall of Hsuechow, which is bound to ease the situation respecting China.

However, the majority of well-informed circles do not believe that Cabinet changes are imminent.—*United Press*.

4.25 p.m. There was no damage.—*United Press*.

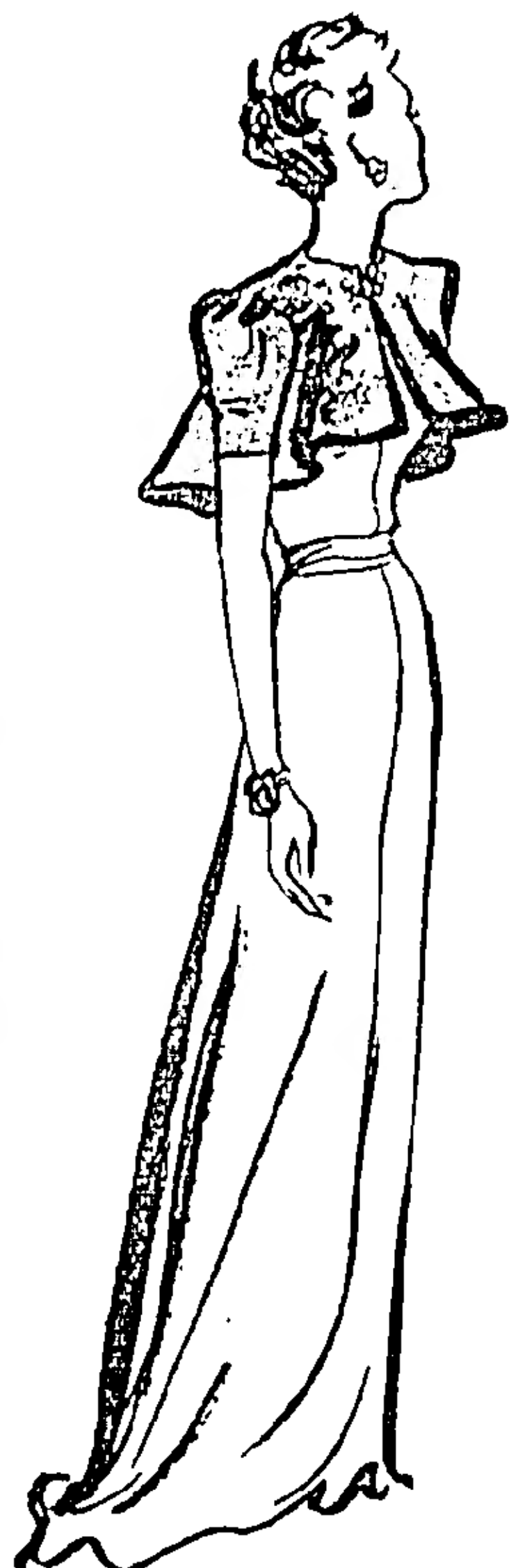
NEAR VOLCANO

Tokyo, May 23.

The earthquake, which rocked Japan at 4.10 p.m. was centred near Mt. Asama, which frequently erupts violently.
Tokyo was undamaged by the shock, although windows were smashed.—*United Press*.
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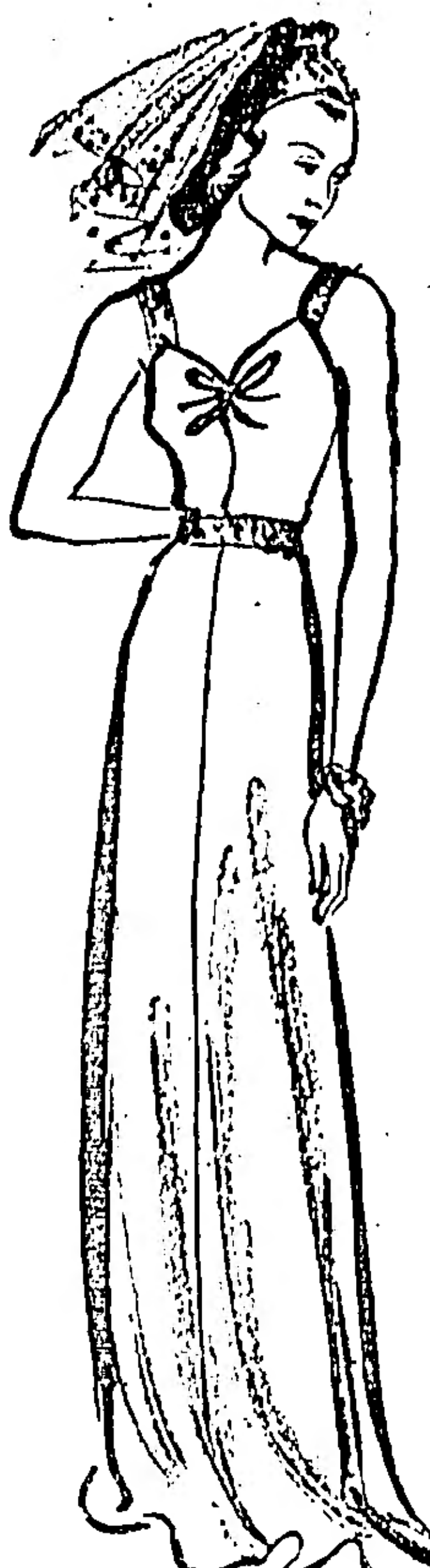
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For a theatre, wear it with a long coat of tulle edged with ruching made of cut-out tulle flowers. (An American idea).



Long streamers of satin ribbon, in alternating shades of powder blue, dusty pink and lilac are fastened on to a narrow belt.



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Borrow a few home ideas from—

BELGIUM:

The Belgian idea of fitting red and blue discs to the tops of taps instead of the words "hot" and "cold" looks much nicer; and once you've thought of "red hot" and "blue with cold" you'll never get mixed between them.

Tables in Belgian homes are made generally with rounded, instead of square edges—much safer for children who may bump themselves.

AMERICA:

A kitchen filing cabinet for recipes and cookery books. It turns on a pivot, so that when not in use it can be swung out of the way under the table. Just an ordinary small metal or wooden filing cabinet is used, and a piece of clock spring fastened to the back.

When the file box is swung out from under the table, the top automatically opens, so that you need not touch it with floury or sticky hands.

ITALY:

An Italian glass manufacturer has designed a heat-resisting glass, which is now made in England. It lets the sun's rays into the room on a hot day without allowing any heat rays to penetrate.

LET CHEESE GIVE NEW INTEREST

CHEESE is one of the oldest of food and has centuries of continuous popularity to commend it. It is also essentially modern served in the ways the housewives now find most acceptable. For there is all the difference in the world between the imposing damask-wrapped cheese in command of dining table or sideboard through which the family with silver server scooped its way until increasing ripeness caused a retirement of the attacking forces and the present-day manner of service.

To-day cheese is eaten in a great variety of forms. Very convenient for the small household with limited larder space are the dainty little silver foil-covered triangles that come to table, or the wooden or other platter with an attractive assortment of English-Continental varieties from which to make choice according to the taste of the moment.

The cooks in their kitchens have found more and more ways of introducing cheese into the dishes that from the menu, and enterprising hostesses have produced clever notions for giving their guests piquant savouries and cocktail snacks with cheese as the star role.

HOT CHEESE SCONES

ONE and a half cupsful flour, one-third cupful grated Cheddar cheese, half cupful milk, 2 tablespoonfuls butter, 3 teaspoonfuls baking powder, 1 small teaspoonful salt.

Sift dry ingredients, then mix in butter and cheese with knife. Make soft dough with milk. Put lightly to 1 in thickness, cut in rounds and bake in quick oven 12 or 15 minutes.

SELECTED recipes which show very interesting ways of serving cheese in the menus of the day and also as snacks for buffet and cocktail party are given.

CHEESE PATTIES

THESE are good either hot or cold. Line some patty-pans with puff pastry and three-quarters fill them with this mixture: 4oz strongly-flavoured cheese, grated, 1oz butter, 2 eggs, 1 dessertspoonful sherry, a teaspoonful of dry mustard.

Melt butter, stir in the grated cheese and seasoning. Mix with the yolks of eggs and then add sherry. Beat up whites stiffly and stir lightly into mixture. Bake in a hot oven 10 to 15 minutes.

FOR A COCKTAIL PARTY

ONE small cream cheese, 1oz butter, 1 dessertspoonful grated Parmesan cheese, 2 dessertspoonfuls of cream, salt and pepper, and a few drops of green colouring.

Mix cream cheese with butter in a basin, adding salt and pepper and Parmesan cheese, and lastly the cream and colouring. Take a fork, whisk well, and place on very small, round biscuits (size of a shilling) made of light, short pastry. Garnish with parsley and a little paprika over the cheese.

CHEESE AND PARSLEY SAVOURY

MAKE a slice of toast and butter it. Mix together in a saucepan 4oz of grated cheese, 2oz butter, salt, pepper and mustard to taste. Stir together over slow gas, until it becomes a smooth paste. Place this on toast, and put under the grill to brown. Wash some parsley and break it up into small sprigs. Fry this in butter until crisp and brown. Sprinkle the cheese lightly with red pepper, and cover with a good layer of your fried parsley.

CREAM CHEESE VARIATIONS

CREAM cheese of smooth texture is delicious in any of the following ways:

With marmalade on toast at breakfast.

With jam, instead of cream, for tea.

Mixed with fresh pineapple, juicy apple, tomato sauce, or dates in brown bread sandwiches.

Mashed into potatoes for the top of cottage pie or similar "left over" dish.

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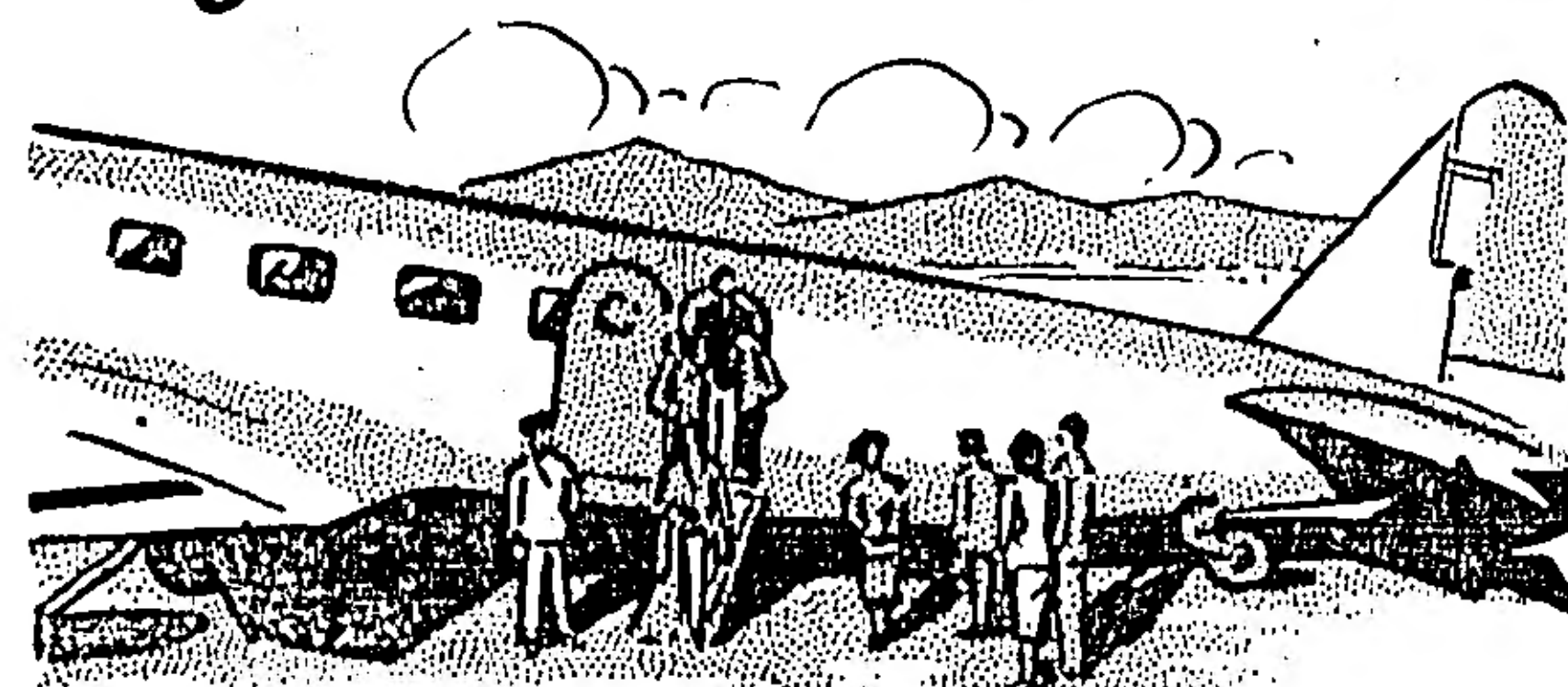
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United Press Staff Correspondent

San Francisco.
As a result of Japan's invasion of China, and her announced intention of staying there, Great Britain is facing the possibility of the greatest menace to her foreign trade she has ever yet encountered, according to a survey of the Institute of Pacific Relations.

This menace lies in the possibility of Japan seeking for herself preferential treatment in customs on exports to China, thus wresting from Britain her dominating position in one of the world's largest and most potential foreign markets.

It was precisely this situation in the Far East, the Institute said, that induced a reluctant Britain finally to engage in the present negotiations with the United States for a bilateral trade agreement.

Already, the Chinese puppet government established by Japan for the administration of five Northern China provinces, now in the hands of the Japanese, has made an extensive downward revision of Chinese customs favouring Japan. These cuts have ranged anywhere from 50 per cent to complete abolition of all tariffs on certain categories of Japanese exports, especially foodstuffs.

The Osaka Chamber of Commerce, as well as similar organizations throughout Japan, also have adopted resolutions recommending a revision of the Chinese customs "which interfere with Japan-China-Manchukuo cooperation."

Should Japan succeed in securing for herself still further preferential treatment, or should she actually abrogate it to herself, by her own means, it would place British commercial policy squarely at the crossroads, the Institute said.

BRITAIN'S DREAM ABANDONED
Regarding this policy, the Institute said already as a result of the great inroads Japan has made in world textile and rayon markets, Britain has been obliged to abandon her golden dream, or rather that of Lancashire industrialists, of a virtual world monopoly in the textile and rayon trade, and share the latter with Japan.

To compensate for this loss of foreign trade, British commercial policy makers immediately envisaged China as on the brink of developing into a great industrial empire where there would be a vast market for machinery and other capital goods. She accordingly appointed a permanent representative in China in 1930 to capture this market by opening to the Chinese all of the advantages of her 50,000,000 pound Exports Credit Guarantee.

But the Japanese invasion put an end to this dream of British trade expansion in China in capital goods, and now the new menace of Japan securing preferential customs treatment there offsets largely the advantages that England may have hoped to gain by her big exports credit guarantee.

To complicate the situation further, it is pointed out that in all efforts and negotiations Britain may undertake to arrive at an adjustment of this Far Eastern situation, the interests of the vast British dominions will always be just the opposite of those of the mother country. For a number of years past, Japan has become one of the greatest markets for the wool, wheat, lumber and pulp of Canada, Australia and New Zealand, and they do not want this market in any way closed to them.

They are declared to be watching very closely the present Anglo-American agreement negotiations to see that no concessions made to the United States in order to help British industrialists may have a bad repercussion for them on the Japanese market.

PRECEDENT'S REPERCUSSION
Another thing which makes the situation difficult for England is that she herself has set a precedent whereby military conquest has brought with it political ties that have permitted of preferential customs treatment.

It is not so long ago, the Institute pointed out, that British force of arms in the world war forced an enlarged area of what is now the Union of South Africa in which the United Kingdom now enjoys preferential treatment for her exports. Japan's action, however, in securing for herself downward revision of tariffs in China, is taken as an indication that the precedent only will be used in showing that she is doing what others have done in the past.

In spite of the open door policy in China, the Institute said that ever since the Treaty of 1842, at the close of the opium war, England managed to secure very favourable conditions for her goods on the Chinese market that enabled her to build up a dominating position for herself there.

Although she lost some of this in recent years, she still under normal conditions furnishes China with 12 per cent of her imports, ranks third among Chinese exports markets and 40 per cent of all Chinese trade is carried in British steamers.

The future of all this, the Institute said, is now purely speculative.



Prime Minister, Neville Chamberlain recently told the house of Commons that while he wanted to prevent Europe from drifting "toward the carnage of war," the Empire must arm for peace. Hence, he called for a rearmament programme of £343,000,000 for land and sea, with 60 naval vessels to be launched between April, 1938, and March, 1939. Vital in the plan was how to protect London against air raids, such as brought death, recently, to civilians in Barcelona, Spain. Above are significant scenes. Top left, new multiple machine guns developed by the navy, rapidly being fitted to all ships, especially for defence against air attacks. Upper right, six-barreled pom-pom machine-gun unit for a navy use against low flying torpedo or bombing aircraft. Lower panel, King George, left, inspects a new 3.7 anti-aircraft gun at Woolwich Arsenal, London, on a recent visit there.

500 Alien Maids In Aldershot

By Andrew Kidd

ALDERSHOT, military centre of Britain, has a larger proportion of foreign maids than any other part of the country.

I learned this when I came here to inquire into the allegations made by Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Lib. M.P. for East Wolverhampton) in the House of Commons.

Mr. Mander said: "German girls who come to Britain as domestic helps and companions receive a special propaganda course before leaving Germany."

"Many of the girls are employed in the families of the armed forces at Aldershot, and elsewhere."

The military authorities are said to be uneasy about the situation. Married officers have been warned not to talk of military matters in their homes.

My inquiries brought me to the Grosvenor Domestic Agency International Bureau in Aldershot.

"During the past year I have been responsible for bringing approximately 500 foreign maids to the district, the manager told me."

"Every precaution is taken to check up the credentials of these girls before they are brought here."

GAS MASKS FOR ALL

—In 8 Hours

EVERY one of the 50,000,000 men, women and children in Britain will be supplied with gas masks within eight hours if war breaks out, the Home Office has announced.

Thirty million masks are already in store in eleven cities in England and Scotland. They are in four sizes, the smallest for children between the ages of two and four.

In emergency the masks will be distributed at depots handling about 4,000 each. Every house will previously have been visited by air raid wardens, and every one will have to try on a mask, so that the number of sizes required may be ready.

HOW MOTORISTS SHOULD ACT IN AIR RAIDS

"TAKE COVER OR SCATTER"

ADVICE BY CHIEF OF PRECAUTIONS

Wing-Comdr. E. J. Hodson, Inspector-General of Air-Raid Precautions in England has given advice to travellers who may be caught in an air-raid.

He was speaking at the Institute of Transport, London, to members of the transport industries. People in stationary trains, he said, might well be advised to stay where they were. In urban areas, road vehicles pull to the side of the road, and the passengers take cover. In country districts the passengers should scatter.

At night, drivers would use specially screened headlights, and it was of great importance that they should practise driving in such conditions in time of peace. Special routes would probably be designated. Large petrol depots should be protected if only by sandbags.

Horse transport was a difficulty, and the problem of protecting horses against gas was being investigated. It was desirable that as few horses as possible should be used in time of emergency.

Wing-Comdr. Hodson said a 500lb. armour-piercing bomb, dropped from a height of 10,000ft., would penetrate

Bridegroom, 21, Jilted, Says:

"Father Fell In Love With My Bride"

Shrewsbury.
TWENTY-ONE YEAR-OLD John Bilby, of Battlefield, near Shrewsbury, instead of being married at Gretna Green to his seventeen-year-old sweetheart, Rita Wilson, spent the day comforting his mother. While he was staying at Gretna to secure residential qualification for his marriage he was recalled home. He found that his mother was without her husband and that he was without a bride-to-be. His father had fallen in love with Rita. The love was mutual. Mrs. Bilby said: "There are some things that can never be forgiven. This is one."

"Rita had been staying with us since Christmas-time. A week last Thursday, while John was at Gretna, my husband suddenly told me, 'Rita can't marry John. She won't.'"

"I was amazed. Then I had a curious hunch. I asked him if he loved the girl. He said, 'Yes, I do.' We had hours of argument, but nothing would alter their minds."

"By the time my son came home, Rita had gone, but John has seen his father once since his return."

John Bilby said: "I can only think that, having given his heart to father, Rita could not face the intolerable position of marrying me."

"At first I felt rotten about the whole business; now I think I've had a lucky escape. I was deeply attached to her."

35ft into virgin soil; 5ft 6in into concrete; and 4in into steel. A 2,000lb bomb would penetrate over 6in of steel and a proportionate depth of earth and concrete.

He asked that transport industries should consider the problems now, and be prepared for any emergency.

AUSTRALIA WANTS FAR EAST TRADE

Sharp Decline In Recent Years

Canberra.

The Federal Advisory Committee on Eastern Trade has recommended to the Australian Government that the office of Trade Commissioner in China, held by Mr. V. G. Bowden, be maintained at Shanghai.

It was considered that at present the situation in China, and particularly in Shanghai, was such that any transfer of the office was unwarranted.

Trade opportunities in Southern Asia, principally French Indo-China, the Philippines, and Siam are to be explored by the Commonwealth and the committee will recommend that a Commonwealth official be sent to these countries to survey the conditions.

This investigation will supplement one now being carried out by two officers of the Western Australian Government. It is probable that Mr. Bowden will make a survey on his return to China.

Figures were submitted to the committee at Canberra showing that the general trade with eastern countries has declined sharply during the past three years.

From a balance in Australia's favour of £5,431,000 in 1935-6 it dropped to an unfavourable balance of £1,950,000 for 1936-7, and for the first half of the current financial year there was an adverse balance of £6,324,000.

Trade with the Netherlands, East Indies, India, and smaller Eastern countries improved, the decline being due mainly to a falling off in exports of wheat to China and exports to Japan. The Sino-Japanese war was largely responsible for a heavy drop in Japanese imports from Australia.

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Eire Defences
To Be Returned
By Britain

London, May 23. Arrangements are now under discussion for handing over the defences and harbours of southern Ireland to the Eire Government, in accordance with the recently concluded Agreement.

The British Officer commanding the defences has left for England for a conference with the British military authorities on the subject.—*Reuter.*

MYSTERIOUS QUAKE
JARS HONGKONG

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ed, and plaster fell from some buildings.—*United Press.*

A cursory official survey shows that there have been no deaths. However, many power lines north of Tokyo have been damaged and small landslides have buried sections of the railways.

The earthquake vigorously shook Utsunomiya, and some property damage was experienced.

The Observatory instruments vibrated for 28 minutes in Tokyo, and telephones are reported to be temporarily out of commission in 30 central and northern cities.—*United Press.*

More Autos In
Carolina

Columbia, S. C.
A new high in motor vehicle registration in South Carolina was reached during February when 251,738 were registered with the state highway department. The total represented 13,992 units more than listed February last year.

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SAYS ECONOMIC
COLLAPSE WILL
DEFEAT JAPAN

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yesterday morning cleared up all the remnant Japanese on the way.

However, it is reported that another Japanese unit of 2,000 men has arrived at a point about 12 miles north of Lichuan from Fengshien, in north Kiangsu. Chinese troops have been dispatched to check the advance.

Chinese Regain Station

Louwang station, 31 kilometres east of Kaifeng, and Tsinghsien, north-east of Hsinan station, 15 kilometres east of Kaifeng, were the scenes of bitter engagements yesterday. Louwang station was occupied by the Japanese on May 22. In a counter-attack launched at night the Chinese pressed on relentlessly from several directions. When they were close to the enemy they charged with bayonets and handgrenades. The Japanese were dispersed. The station returned to Chinese hands.

Two thousand Japanese troops at Tsinghsien, south-east of Hsinan station, were enveloped and attacked by a numerically superior Chinese force, but they are reported to be still holding out.

Both Fengshien and Peihsein in north Kiangsu have fallen into Japanese hands.

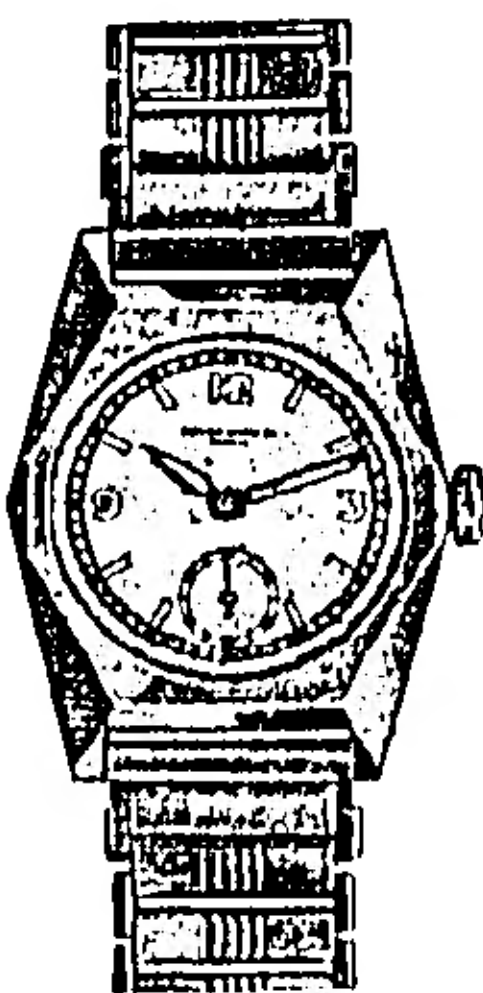
The full in west Shantung continues. Tungning, Kuocheng, Yun-cheng, Tsaochen and Shanhsien are still held by the Chinese as is also Chupei, which the Japanese have besieged for about two weeks.—*Central News.*

CHICKEN ON TOBACCO DICT

Corsicana, Tex.
East Texas chickens are chewing tobacco for their health. Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, Farm Security Administration home supervisor, said that tobacco pills the size of a large English pea are being given hens each morning as a cure for blue bugs.

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CZECHS AGAIN CROSS
GERMAN BORDER

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Government's decision to negotiate direct with Herr Hitler.—*Reuter.*

Decreased Tension

Welcome

London, May 23.
The decrease in tension over Czechoslovakia is welcomed in European capitals.

A Rome message states that a more optimistic view of the situation is being taken by the Italian press, which reports an all-round relaxation of tension.

Authoritative quarters state that the Italian attitude is one of watchfulness, but it is believed that Signor Benito Mussolini is working for a peaceful settlement.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain's statement in the House of Commons, followed by a brief comment by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Clement Attlee, is regarded in Paris as having set the seal on a joint policy by Britain and France regarding Czechoslovakia. Both press and political circles recognise with gratitude that a practical policy of determination mixed with sweet reasonableness has been adopted by Great Britain.

Anglo-French Co-operation

It is regarded as inevitable by all circles that the initiative in mediation should have fallen to Great Britain as the least committed nations but Mr. Chamberlain's statement that the British Government enjoyed the full co-operation of the French Government has evoked much pleasure.

According to a message from Berlin there is a lessening strain in Germany, despite several border incidents. Mr. Chamberlain's statement is viewed with a certain amount of scepticism.

While every British admittance to Prague is welcomed, it is felt in Berlin that British admittances to Czechoslovakia have so far not been visible.

Three alleged violations of the German frontier by the Czech military are held as proof that British admittances have so far been ineffective.

A political spokesman said: "Great Britain gives platonic advice to Czechoslovakia, but the Czechs feel that they are backed by her. It would have been an easy matter to ask the Czechs to withdraw their troops from the frontier, and if the Czechs had been earnest they could have done so immediately with the aid of a few motor lorries."—*Reuter.*

Plane Over Germany?

Berlin, May 23.
Another alleged Czech infringement of the German frontier is reported from Baerenstein, where it is declared, a Czech military airplane circled over the town.

The plane later re-entered Czech territory where it crashed into a house and burst into flames.—*Reuter.*

Prague Denial

Prague, May 23.
The Czech Government has denied that the aeroplane incident at Baerenstein constituted an infringement of the German frontier.—*Reuter.*

British Policy
Wins Approval

Washington, May 23.
President F. D. Roosevelt is conferring this afternoon with Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, on the European situation.

Meanwhile, Mr. Neville Chamberlain's assurance that the Czechoslovak situation seemed to have eased somewhat is welcomed here, where officials have been following developments anxiously throughout the week-end.

The predominant part which London is playing in restraining both parties to the German-Czech dispute has made a most favourable impression, particularly in those circles where Mr. Chamberlain's policy has hitherto not been very warmly received. The firm line which Britain is now taking has evoked general respect.—*Reuter.*

Returning To Berlin

Munich, May 23.
Herr Hitler, who has been here for the past few days, is returning to Berlin to-morrow.—*Reuter.*

Eucharistic
Congress In
BudapestPAPAL LEGATE
ARRIVES

Budapest, May 23.
Cardinal Pacelli who, in his capacity as Papal Legate will open the world Eucharistic Congress on Wednesday, arrived here on Tuesday morning.

He was greeted at the station by the entire Cabinet, headed by the premier Dr. Imredy, by the Primate of Hungary, Cardinal Szeberdy, and by numerous leading personalities, representing all domains of public life.

Cardinal Pacelli drove directly from the station to the Coronation Church of St. Matthias, where members of the Hungarian Episcopate were present to greet him. The Cardinal legate was subsequently the guest of the regent at a luncheon at the Royal Palace, where he will reside during his stay in the Hungarian capital.—*Trans-Ocean.*

CHINESE ARMIES
ESCAPE

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Yunho and thence south-west from Shuangchow to 20 miles south of Hsuehchow, and so to Hsuehchow, Peihsein, Lanke Tsing and Yenchow.

Japanese motorized units and cavalry are concentrated in and around Shuangchow, 30 miles south-east of Hsuehchow, but no Chinese civilians are visible from the air.

Approaching Hsuehchow from the south along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, the plane circled the city twice, and saw the railway station areas in ruin, with dozens of so long trains, some of which apparently had been bombed, clogging the lines.

A few locomotives were puffing apparently under Japanese direction, apparently trying to unscramble the mess.

The city itself showed surprisingly little evidence of damage from 4,000 or more feet above.

SAW TOWN BURNING

The first sign of warfare in a large town was gained three miles west of Tsoungchow, which was burning in five or six places, apparently following a skirmish with a mobile column.

Tsoungchow and Yihsein appeared badly damaged. Talerchwang, scene of last month's great battle, was deserted and desolate, although a surprisingly large number of buildings were still standing.

Villages along the Grand Canal were badly damaged, and three spans of the Lunghai Railway bridge across the Canal at Yungho were destroyed.

South-west of Yunho we began to see new Japanese troop concentrations, resting in villages many of which were gutted and half a dozen of which were still deserted.

The roads and landscape were bare of Chinese—both civilians and troops.—*United Press.*

Evidence Of Heavy
Bombardment

Missions on the western and southern sides of Hsuehchow were prominently marked with huge crosses on their roofs, and appeared undamaged. Scores of Japanese army trucks, tanks and staff cars constituted the only traffic in the once busy streets of the city. I saw 400 yards of a section of the North Wall and confirmed that the rest of the wall had been converted into a highway.

The low hills half mile east of the Lunghai Railway Station showed evidences of the terrific artillery and aerial bombardments that preceded the Japanese entry into the city.

The hillsides were scoured and shell-torn, were strewn with white debris, brick plaster and house walls. Everywhere they were gouged a vivid red by the huge shell craters, showing where the principal Chinese defence was made. Everywhere between Hsuehchow and Peihsein we saw nothing but deserted but unscarred farmlands and villages.—*United Press.*



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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes, one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m.

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Postage Stamps of the new issue H.M. King George VI in the denominations 1 cent, 5 cents and 2 dollars will be on sale as from to-day, May 24.

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Calcutta and Straits	Shirala	May 24.
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Manila	Emp. of Japan	May 25.

Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 19th May.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 18th May.

Straits and Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers) London date, 20th April—and London parcels—London date, 25th April	Rajputana	May 25.
Swatow	Holhow	May 25.
Tientsin and Swatow	Kanchow	May 26.
Bangkok	Kweiyang	May 26.
Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Doumer	May 26.
Japan	Santos Maru	May 26.

OUTWARD MAELS

For Per Date and Time

For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai, Japan and "Europe via Siberia"	Ararat	Tues., May 24, Noon
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Fochow and Tientsin	Norviken	Tues., May 24, Noon
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 5th June	Salsang	Tues., May 24, 11 a.m.

Straits and Calcutta Salsang Tues., May 24, 11 a.m.
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Air Mail for Wuchow, Kweiyang C.N.A.C. Plane Tues., May 24, Noon.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 5th June Tues., May 24, Noon.
Ord. May 24, Noon.
Ord. May 25, 6 a.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Samshul and Wuchow	Kongso	Wed., May 25, 8.15 a.m.
Kongmoon	Fook On	Wed., May 25, 10 a.m.
Manila	Thurland Castle	Wed., May 25, 11 a.m.

Holhow, Pakhol and Halphong Szechuen Wed., May 25, Noon.
Shanghai Antenor Wed., May 25, 1.30 p.m.
Swatow, Fochow and Tientsin Yunnan Wed., May 25, 2.30 p.m.
Japan Mausang Wed., May 25, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for Sian, Lanchow and Chengtu etc. (via Hankow) by the "Eurasia Airways Service" (to further points by surface transport as services permit) G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg. May 25, 4.30 p.m.
Ord. May 25, 5 p.m.

Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 2nd June Reg. May 25, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 25, 5 p.m.
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Ord. May 25, 6 a.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Samshul and Wuchow	Chung On	Thurs., May 26, 8.15 a.m.
Sandakan	Tai Suen Hong	Thurs., May 26, 8.30 a.m.

Shanghai and Japan Rajputana Thurs., May 26, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Shanghai and Tientsin Fochow Thurs., May 26, 12.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and Santos Maru Thurs., May 26, 2.30 p.m.

South Africa G. P. O. and K. P. O. Reg. Thurs., May 26, 4.15 p.m.
via Marseilles—due Marseilles Ord. May 26, 5 p.m.
2nd June Imperial Airways Direct Service—due London, Airways Plane Thurs., May 26, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 26, 5 p.m.
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Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and "Europe via Vancouver B.C." (Partels for Canada only)—due Vancouver B.C., 15th June and "Europe via Siberia." G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg. May 27, 9.15 a.m.
Ord. May 27, 10 a.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	Fri., May 27, 9.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard and Halphong	Canton	Fri., May 27, 2 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand	Kamo Maru	Fri., May 27, 2.30 p.m.

via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island 9th June G. P. O. and K. P. O. Reg. May 27, 4.30 p.m.
Ord. May 27, 5 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 24th June Chitral Fri., May 27, 5 p.m.
Reg. May 27, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 28, 10.30 a.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Samshul and Wuchow	Kongning	Sat., May 28, 8.15 a.m.
Air Mail for "K.L.M. Airways Direct Service"—due Amsterdam, 7th June	Chitral	Sat., May 28, 9.30 a.m.

Reg. May 28, 9.30 a.m.
Ord. May 28, 10 a.m.
Holhow, Pakhol and Halphong Kwangtung Sat., May 28, 5 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 5th June Imperial Airways Direct Service—due London, Airways Plane Sat., May 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 28, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 28, 5 p.m.

Air Mail for Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Darwin, 2nd June Reg. May 28, 5 a.m.
Ord. May 28, 5 a.m.
Ord. May 28, 5 a.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, Egypt and Parcels only for Germany via Hamburg G.P.O. and K.P.O. Reg. Sat., May 28, 5.00 p.m.

For	Per	Date and Time
Tientsin	Kronviken	Sun., May 29, 9 a.m.

Monday
Swatow and Shanghai Sochow Mon., May 30, 2.30 p.m.

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WARSHIPS MASS OFF CHUNGSHAN

Tension In South Revives

Macao, May 23. The situation along the South China coast has become tense following the arrival of more Japanese warships near Macao. The Chungshan military authorities consequently declared martial law to-day.

All able-bodied men are forbidden to leave and the militia have been armed and held ready for action at a moment's notice.

There was a heavy stream of refugees into Macao to-day.—Wah Kiu Yat Po.

FUKIEN ATTACK

Canton, May 23. Details of an attempt by marines from 13 Japanese warships, supported by 16 aeroplanes to land on the Fukien mainland south of Changchow are given by a report from the Fukien military authorities. The invasion was attempted on Saturday night.

Only one group of 300 marines got ashore after the Chinese infantry and artillery had had to retire from their trenches which the supporting aerial and naval bombardment had destroyed. For an hour they held on, and reached the deserted trench-line. A Chinese counter-attack proved successful, and the Japanese were driven off the land with a loss of 100 men. The Chinese lost 30 men, aeroplane bombs accounting for most of them. During the engagement over 1,000 shells were thrown on shore by the Japanese.

Not a Kwangtung soldier is left across the Fukien-Kwangtung border. With the coming into Fukien of many regiments from Fanchow and Szechuan, they have all been sent home to be ready for any invasion.

ABOUT THESE RED-HEADS

(Continued from Page 6)

Hollywood Bevy

OUTSTANDING Marie Dressler was another red-head. Billie Burke and Fay Compton have been both pre- and post-war red-heads. Anna Lee and Elizabeth Pollock maintain the tradition.

At Hollywood there's a bevy of the first flight: Hepburn (freckles no longer an obstacle), Janet Gaynor, Myrna Loy, Ginger Rogers—probably the best known of all the red-heads to-day—Clara Bow, Francine Larrimore. All strictly "natural."

The director of a large New York agency for photographers' models declares: "Woe to her or him who tries the synthetic business! I can tell them at a glance because they lack the pep, personality, and glamour of the natural sorrel-top. You can dye the hair, but you can't dye the soul!"

One would like to hear Carlos Valentino on that. Inventor of the platinum blonde, Carlos has now evolved, in keeping with the new craze, the "champagne glo-head," a blondish-red.

Finally, sport provides whizz-bang, red-head Budge; sub rosa diplomacy yields "the latest Pompadour," the Lupescu; and Ambassador Kennedy was all red on top, and seems to correspond to that delicious description I once heard of a carrot friend—"a locomotive in pants." We'll let him close this gallery of red-heads.

School On Fire: Two Women March Boys To Safety

TANK CORPS MEN ON ROOF OF BURNING HOTEL

Fires involving a boys' school, an hotel in the Hardy country, heathland on the outskirts of London, and a farm in Kent caused excitement recently.

While a hockey match was being played between Kent College, Canterbury, and the Maori Club of the New Zealand Shipping Co., London, on the College ground, it was suddenly noticed that the school building was on fire.

The match was immediately abandoned and the players joined with pupils, masters, and visitors in fighting the flames.

A bucket chain was formed while others fought the flames with chemical extinguishers.

WOMEN LEAVE LAST

The top of the building was soon a blazing mass and a 25ft. tower crashed to the ground.

Meanwhile the school fire bell had been rung and all the boys in the building were got out, the mistress, Mrs. Jones, and the sister, Miss Ashwell, being the last to leave.

Fire brigades from Canterbury, Whitstable, Faversham, Sturry and Bridge were called and got the outbreak under control within two hours.

FIREMAN HURT

The dormitory, hobbles room, wireless room, and three of the masters' rooms were burned out.

The visiting hockey team lost their clothes and were left in their playing kit.

One of the firemen, Second Officer Port, of Sturry, was badly injured by falling glass.

ARMY HELPS

The thatched-roofed Seven Stars Hotel, on the River Frome at Wool, Dorset, near Weybridge Manor, immortalised in Hardy's "Tess of the d'Urbervilles," was damaged by fire.

When the alarm was given officers and men of the Royal Tank Corps threw off their tunics and helped to fight the flames.

Some climbed on the roof, but were driven back.

Special precautions had to be taken to prevent the heath around being ignited by flying sparks.

ACRES LAID WASTE

Lighted cigarette ends, carelessly thrown down, were responsible for: Two acres of furze and undergrowth being laid waste at Bostall Heath, near Abbey Wood, S.E.

A fire on Putney Heath. A tree ablaze near the North Carriage Drive in Hyde Park, W.

At Bostall Heath there were three outbreaks.

FARM IN FLAMES

The farms of Mr. John Chaplain at Lower Hockenden, St. Mary Cray, Kent, was completely burnt out.

Hundreds of tons of hay, the whole of the summer stock, and a fine granary full of oats, all his farm implements, including his lorries, wagons, ploughs, and harrows, were destroyed.

BLAZING MILE

Within a few hours yesterday a square mile of downland on the Knockin Hills, West Somersetshire, was a mass of flames.

Many trees were destroyed by the flames.

MASS EVACUATION OF CIVILIANS

London, May 23. It is understood that the Government intends to establish a departmental committee to examine the general question of evacuation of the civilian population, either in whole or in part, from cities and towns threatened by air raids in war-time.—Reuter.

12 SQUAWS BEAT UP WHITE MAN

FULL WAR PAINT

New York. AMERICA'S Red Indians—an unromantic race, except in "western" films, since the gin supplied by early colonists and the riches supplied by the United States Government weakened them—responded recently for the first time in forty years to the throbbing of war drums.

Lewis Balson, superintendent of the reservation at Cass Lake, Minnesota, where remnants of the Chippewa tribe now live, called a pow-wow around the front steps of his office to tell the chiefs that the "Paleface Government" had ordered them to be transferred to Duluth, 120 miles away on Lake Superior.

Braves and their squaws whooped and raved when they heard his announcement.

SEIZED BY 300

They went back to their homes, put on full war paint, and, to the beating of drums, returned to Balson's office.

Twelve squaws climbed the porch steps, surrounded Balson, and beat him.

Three hundred Indians then seized Balson and held him prisoner. Throughout Northern Minnesota the throb of war drums sounded, and similar demonstrations were staged in reservations housing 13,000 Chippewa Indians.

To-night the tribe stopped beating drums and adopted peaceful methods. They staged a sit-down strike in Balson's office.

"The Chippewas were the last tribe of Indians to resent the white man's invasion. In 1808, after Indian fighting had been suppressed in most of America, the Chippewas staged an uprising and scalped seven American soldiers."

ROYAL AIR RAID SHELTER

A TUNNEL leading from the private sector of Windsor Castle to outlets in surrounding country may be reopened as an air raid shelter. Royal treasures were hidden in it during the war.

The tunnel would be used as a refuge by the Royal family in the event of an air attack on the castle. At present it is being reinforced with concrete.

Castle servants would share the shelter with the King and Queen.

The tunnel, built at the request of Queen Victoria, in addition to being an impenetrable safeguard against air raiders, provides several ways of escape.



First president of Ireland under the new constitution is 78-year-old Professor Douglas Hyde, Ireland's most distinguished living Gaelic scholar, shown above. His election, without a contest, was assured by an agreement between the De Valera and Cosgrave factions. Dr. Hyde is a Protestant, son of a former Protestant rector at Frenchpark, County Roscommon, where he lives with his daughters in a small unpretentious home. He is known for his leonine head and full bushy grey mustache.

R. N. Marriage Grants Disappoint

Some May Decline To Draw Them

By Hector C. Bywater

Naval officers as a whole are disappointed with the marriage allowance scheme announced last week. Many will accept it on the grounds that half a loaf is better than no bread. But the general feeling in the Service is that much cry has produced very little wool.

It seems probable that number of officers, especially those with private means, will decline the allowance as a matter of principle.

The chief cause of resentment is the reduction of 2s. a day in the full pay of almost all officers drawing the allowance. As the marriage grant for officers below captain's rank is to be 4s. 6d. a day, the net accretion will be only 2s. 6d., or 17s. 6d. a week.

A married officer without children will, in fact, be receiving only 6d. a week more marriage allowance than a lower-deck rating.

LODGING ALLOWANCE LOST

A really serious defect in the scheme is the abolition of the lodging allowance of £80 a year, for officers holding dock-yard or Admiralty shore appointments.

In future only those officers on short courses or holding temporary appointments of less than three months will continue to receive both a marriage and lodging grants.

The officers will forfeit the latter unless they have several children under the scheme.

It is worth pointing out that the marriage allowances paid to Army and Royal Air Force officers involve no reductions in pay or the abolition of existing grants.

Another anomaly is that warrant officers of the Navy are to suffer no cut in basic pay. They are to receive a marriage allowance of 3s. a day.

If, however, the warrant officer receives a commission his pay, if married, will at once be cut by 1s. 10s. 8d. a day.

CHINESE BREAK THROUGH

Union Of Forces Near Hsuechow

Hankow, May 23.

Army Headquarters has issued the following communiqué: "Conforming to the new policy of holding positions only so long as strategically worth while, Hsuechow was given up on May 20 with hardly any fighting in the immediate vicinity. The retreating troops broke through the invading Japanese armies on the southern Tientsin-Pukow front almost at will, without any loss, and have taken up new positions according to pre-arranged plans.

"The orderly nature of the retreat, now confirmed by Reuter's correspondent with the Japanese armies at the front, sets at naught previous fantastic Japanese claims of fifty Chinese divisions trapped around Hsuechow. There was no rout with tremendous loss of men and material such as happened in the retreat from Shanghai and Nanking; instead the Chinese armies have learnt to manoeuvre with disciplined precision over the vast chess board."

When withdrawing from their original line, the communiqué announces, some of the units in clever sorties smashed a few straggled detachments of the Japanese forces, and achieved "unexpected military success."—Central News.

LANFENG OCCUPIED

Tokyo, May 23.

Lanfeng on the Lanchow railway, was this evening occupied by Japanese columns, according to information from the front.

The Japanese forces battered the walled town from three directions, the north, west and east, until they entered the town from the eastern gate toward evening.

The general attack on the town proceeded the whole day and the situation was said to have improved remarkably for the Japanese as they succeeded in carrying out a flanking movement.

A Japanese column made a circuit from the south-west and appeared suddenly due south.—Domet.

Tension Eases, But Remains

London, May 23.

Easing tension regarding Czechoslovakia was maintained throughout to-day, and both British and foreign circles in London feel that while there is no ground for undue optimism, a respite in the crisis at any rate, has been secured.

Until the Czech elections are over in June—they are being held on three separate days—a certain amount of anxiety is bound to exist.

The fact that Herr Henlein saw Dr. Hodza to-night is welcomed in London.

Inquiries in London and local investigations over the week-end revealed that recent rumours of extensive troop movements towards the Czech frontier are not substantiated, and it is pointed out in authoritative circles that Germany, Poland and Hungary have all denied any unusual movements of troops are taking place in the direction of Czechoslovakia.

It is learned that the British Ambassador to Rome, Lord Perth, discussed the situation with the Italian Foreign Minister, Count Ciano, and it is believed that he gained the impression that the Italian view was that no invasion was not likely to lead to hostilities.

Despite a momentary easing of the situation it is evident in Rome that any fresh incident might have grave effects. It is felt that the Czech Government is fully aware of the danger and is doing all in its power to avoid it.—Reuter.

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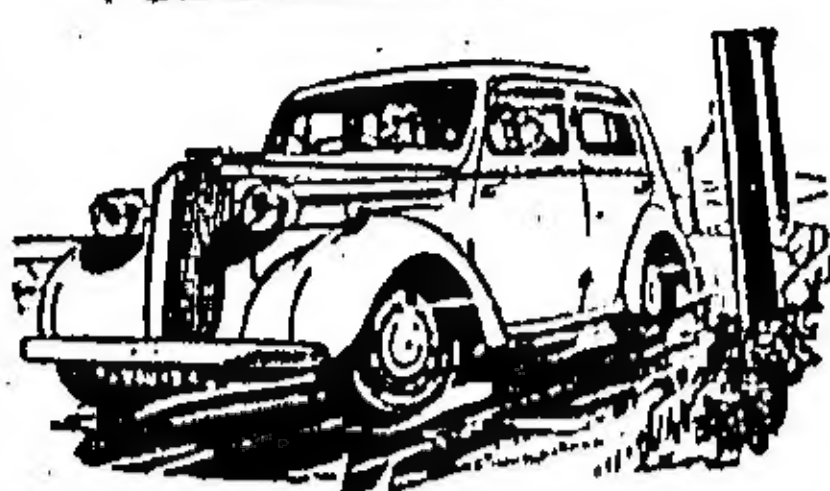
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Colony Tenants'
Petition

With the presentation to His Excellency the Governor of a petition signed by 1,344 residents, Hongkong's rent problem has reached a new climax. The issue has become sharper, the complaints of the Colony's victimised residents are more insistent; and, quite properly, these have found expression through the most direct medium possible. His Excellency has been asked to become mediator in this, so far, one-sided struggle between avaricious landlords and helpless tenants. The law, as it stands, is on the side of the house owners. Their moral arguments have been strengthened by the findings of the Rents Commission. This has had some startling effects. Where before the landlords advanced somewhat cautiously in their attempts to recover allegedly lost profits, armed as they now are, they make no pretence of their intentions to exact the utmost in rentals from their property, and to achieve this end are evicting long-standing tenants with the minimum amount of notice required by law, or alternatively, are pushing their rentals to such extremes as to make it financially impossible for anyone below the "taipan" class, to live in their houses.

Sir Geoffrey Northcote's position is difficult and delicate, and none will envy him, faced as he is with the task of making a decision on such a vital question. That he will give the fullest consideration to the petition there is not the slightest doubt. The Colony has already been made aware that His Excellency does not lack sympathy, especially if a complaint has any justifiable grounds. Sir Geoffrey now has before him sufficient evidence on the entire issue. If householders were slow in giving testimony before the Rents Commission, they have since remedied the fault through the medium of the local newspapers, while even more illuminating have been some of the eviction cases at the Supreme Court. This is evidence which cannot be ignored when adjudicating on the rents increase and evictions issue.

So far as the petition itself is concerned, its terms appear to be sensible and ably conceived. No extreme action in favour of tenants is sought. The petition requests, above all, measures of protection against obviously wanton profiteering. Government owes it as a duty to its tax-payers to afford that protection, especially in these days, when rent increases constitute not the only problem for the inhabitants. Less spectacular, but more insidious, is the rise in cost of living. Incomes are being practically halved, and as a certain standard of living is demanded, especially

Empire Day Message

from

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President of the Empire Day Movement.

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"As President of the Empire Day Movement I send you all hearty greetings. I feel confident that our Empire is the chief bulwark of peace, freedom and good government in the world and earnestly hope that whatever be our station in life our race or our occupation, we may, by God's help, following the example of our King and Queen, make the service of God and of our fellowmen the ideal of our lives. Also that by mutual helpfulness, industry, integrity and the consciousness that we all belong to the same great human family of the British Commonwealth, we may maintain unabated its powerful influence in promoting the happiness, the peace and the progress of mankind."

BLDISLOE.

London, 24th May, 1938.

THESE MEN ARE CREATING LIFE WITH A GLASS HEART

IN a large airy laboratory high above the roar of busy 66th street, Manhattan, New York, a group of scientists, headed by elderly Dr. Alexis Carrel, are trying to make man immortal.

Three years ago, thanks to the inventive genius of Colonel Lindbergh, they began to use a mechanical "heart."

With it they have succeeded in continuing synthetic life and growth in the delicate internal organs of animals and man after natural death.

A few weeks ago, news that Lindbergh had bought an island off the coast of Brittany, close to the one where he and Dr. Carrel lived last summer and discussed their problems together, set scientists speculating.

Soon the pair are expected to announce, after three years' work, the result of wonderful experiments carried out with the "heart," results giving vital knowledge to those fighting against old age and disease.

A FAINT halo of blue on a microscope slide first told Dr. Carrel that at last, after years of research, he had discovered the first secret of Life.

The blue halo told him that he had found a way of growing and keeping alive tissues taken from an animal long since dead, by feeding them under certain conditions with natural plasma—colourless blood—or with liquid blood serums.

That was 28 years ago, and for it Dr. Carrel was awarded the Nobel Prize.

In a test tube in Dr. Carrel's laboratory is a fragment of a chicken's heart which he has kept alive by artificial feeding since 1912, which he says should go on living and growing for many years.

IN 1928 a dash for a serum which it was hoped would save the life of Floyd Bennett, the famous flyer, brought Lindbergh to Dr. Carrel at the Rockefeller Institute.

Carrel explained his problem. He had the technique of remov-

among the European community, the hardships are becoming intolerable. Apart from other considerations, is it doubtful whether Hongkong has yet adjusted itself to the low dollar, stabilised around 1/8d. Certain it is that wages are no higher than in 1935, when articles made in Europe could be imported at eight dollars to the pound sterling. The same articles now demand \$16.

Because of these and other factors, the Colony has a right to expect fair treatment in the matter of rent and eviction injustices. One likes to believe it a dictum that the majority must not suffer because of the minority. Here is an instance when this dictum should be put into practice.—S.A.G.

ing by surgery the organs from the animals. He had the blood serums which would feed them and make them live and grow.

But up to then the hordes of bacteria which invaded the organs when removed from their natural surroundings had made impossible any long-term examination.

What was wanted was an apparatus which would provide the function of a normal heart and at the same time allow the subject organ to be fed with the life-giving serum and with oxygen and other gases.

And all this had to be done so that the organ was not attacked by bacteria.

Within a few weeks Lindbergh had begun work as Carrel's mechanical assistant.

TWO years later, after

many experiments, he found the principle of his automatic heart and built his first crude model.

It consisted of a long spiral glass tube filled with the blood serum. The top and bottom ends of the spiral tube were connected by a straight glass tube, which housed the subject organ.

Then this apparatus was rocked, see-saw fashion, and so splashed the liquid from the top of the spiral. After it had travelled through the organ in the straight glass tube, the liquid entered the spiral again through the bottom aperture.

By regulating the rate of the see-saw, driven by electric motor, Lindbergh found he was able to get the correct "pulse" rate—about 60 beats a minute.

He circulated life-maintaining oxygen and nitrogen through the serum liquid by inlet and outlet tubes in the spiral.

Correct "blood pressure" was maintained by an automatic pump.

DR. CARREL and Lind-

bergh perfected their "robot heart" three years ago. More than 900 experiments have been made with it, extending over 100,000 hours. Some organs have been kept alive for 30 days.

More imaginative medical men are talking of the day when perhaps a surgeon may be able to give a man a new heart or other vital organ when his own has worn out.

WHAT secret has the doctor got up his sleeve now?

People are remembering a remark of his when he suggested the possibility, although not a probability, that scientists may discover a means of putting men and women's lives in "suspended animation" so that they become like the Sleeping Beauty and be brought back to life in centuries to come.

ALAN CLARKE.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"All right, we won't argue about his being President—but I won't let him serve more than two terms!"

about these RED-HEADS

Says

Ferdinand
Tuohy

ASSUMING that most things which catch on in the United States ultimately do so elsewhere, attention should be directed to red-heads in our midst, because American gentlemen are now enthusiastically preferring them to blondes and brunettes.

At the root of this new popularity is the advent of colour photography and technicolour films, red hair and pale skin giving greater contrast and more artistic photographs than other types.

Yet it isn't only the art angle. Sides are being taken touching the characteristics, capabilities, temperaments of red-heads, a catholic term comprising all the shadings: "carrotty," just-red, auburn, tawny, "ginger," copper, red-gold.

It seems one is either for red-heads or against them—one can't be neutral—even as red-heads are themselves all or nothing.

Impulsive, Courageous

RED-HEADS, say the Americans, are either much better or much worse than blondes and brunettes. They are very seldom mediocre. As a rule, red-heads have strong personalities, are impulsive, intelligent, aggressive, imaginative, and temperamental to a degree.

They are also proud and sensitive. Sometimes they lack discretion, but never courage. They will rush into any battle regardless of the odds—or fall in or out of love with amazing facility.

How does that compare with your local red-heads?

Naturally, it is but a step from boosting red-heads to excavating substantiating cases from history and the present, illustrative of presumed virtues and vagaries.

Did Cleopatra's "auburn tresses" conquer Caesar? Maybe. But can Nelson be claimed? Was he red-gold? Napoleon is even a greater shock. Yet Emil Ludwig is cited as having seen Napoleonic locks, "chestnut flecked with red, proving that at least one ancestor was an out-and-out red." Other claims include Sappho's tawny hair, so fatally charming, and Salome's "flaming copper tresses."

Red-head Presidents

AMERICANS are perhaps on safer ground when they tell us that three of their greatest Presidents, Washington, Jefferson, and Andrew Jackson, were red-heads. Not-so-great Coolidge was another.

Which reminds me that five of our Sovereigns, and not the least by a long way, were red-heads. The Conqueror, William Rufus, Henry VIII., Elizabeth, and Mary, Queen of Scots. The last was 100 per cent. true to type: passionate, seductive, impulsive, chockful of personality and drama.

Human Brain No. 1, of Stratford-on-Avon, was encased 'neath a dome from which fell dark red waviness. Nell Gwyn affords another pro-red-head argument; a lass of character, from nowhere, and one of maximum sex-appeal. Was Lucrezia Borgia a red-head? They say so. Anyway, there was Bianca Capello, noted siren of Venice, of which Republic she was made a Daughter.

A Celebrated Beauty

IN later times there was the "Red Prince" (of Prussia), who carried all before him in the opening battles of the Franco-Prussian War. And Garibaldi was almost as red as the shirt he wore when he sailed from Sicily at the head of a bare thousand followers to build a nation.

Prominent English red-heads of the period were G. F. Watts and Rossetti's "Blessed Damsel," the tragic Elizabeth Siddal, whose intellect may not have been great, yet who had most of a brilliant circle at her feet, not excluding carrot-top Swinburne, burning, erratic soul in full red-head tradition.

A celebrated pre-war beauty was the red-haired Mrs. Atherton, who also died tragically after illuminating Mayfair.

A glowing case of brains, character, energy, and temperament was the divine (and dark red) Sarah Bernhardt. I saw her acting at her own theatre six months before she died, and though 78 and one-legged—restricted to a chair throughout—she still dominated.

Important to reflect that snow-whites of to-day may have been the carrot-tops of yesteryear, as with Bernard Shaw, whose redness was inescapable in the 'nineties and later. Augustus John is a second who no longer exhibits the hue of beard and head that once marked him out.

Isadora Duncan lived up to every trait attributed to the red-head. Enslaving and untamable, she hungered to live to the utmost; danced through life, to finish tragically after 14 years of vain grief-fighting.

Literature suggests Ellnor Glyn, all passion in print, calm business woman out of it; and "Red" Sinclair Lewis, the liveliest, most explosive, hard-living rebel who ever hammered a type-writer—to win the Nobel Prize.

Then there's the greatest pianist of his generation, Paderewski, still with traces of his red locks.

(Continued on Page 5.)

150,000 Women To Fight Nursing Drudgery

Girls Say—"Our Food is Poor, Hours Are Long, And Wages Are Too Low"

Minister To Act Soon

By J. L. Hodson
Great Britain is short of modern Florence Nightingales.

If war comes we shall be faced with a serious dilemma.

That is one of the facts that emerge from the nurses' justified agitation last month for better pay and conditions.

What would Florence Nightingale, the mother of British nursing, have said to London nurses parading in masks to air their grievances?

Without it you would not have thousands of nurses working 60, 70, and even 80 hours a week and living a life akin in some respects to that of a convent, for wages are not much better than those of general servants and sometimes less.

The plain truth is that nursing, women's noblest profession, is usually overworked and underpaid. Yes, but you and I unwittingly, in ignorance, take advantage of woman's devotion and love for her job.

TREATMENT "WORSER THAN CAUL"
How many nurses has Britain got? Various experts have given estimates from 100,000 to 200,000. Most of them agree we ought to have twice as many.

Half the girls who start their hospital training never finish it. Why? Many reasons, but among them because the girls have too much drudgery, too much interference with their private life.

An ex-probationer says: "They tried to tamper with my very soul. Sometimes I hardly seemed a human being. In our so-called recreation room we had to rise to our feet if a matron came in."

"As for my bedroom, the home sister removed things from my dressing-table if she thought it too crowded, and took away a book thought unsuitable for reading. The girl of 1938 won't be exploited in this way."

Should a nurse have visits from relatives or friends of either sex she must obtain a pass to admit them through the gate and receive them in her bedroom, an apartment which is a rule book of only one chair.

Should the visitors arrive unexpectedly and no pass has been obtained, they may be turned away at the gate no matter from what long distance they may have come to see their friend.

She must put up with the indignity of having to explain to a male gate-keeper the contents of any parcel which she may take out of the institution.

A speaker at a recent protest meeting asserted that "there was better treatment at Holloway Prison."

THEIR LONG HOURS
Those opinions are not held by all nurses, nor are all hospitals tyrannical, but grievances have a solid basis and need remedy.

The probationer nurse draws for three or four years anything from £20 to £40 a year, and when fully qualified from £40 to £80, and as sister from £80 to £140—the latter exceptional.

She has board and lodging also, but food is often poor or monotonous.

To work only 48 hours is very remarkable, 60 to 70 is nearer the average, with a day spread over 12 hours with a rest interval.

Nurses are not fewer in number—on the contrary—but health services have grown so fast that the nurse shortage has grown also.

IF WAR COMES
If a shortage exists now, what of the situation if war comes and we suffer aerial bombardment? It will be grave. You cannot train good nurses in five minutes.

An inter-departmental committee set up by the Ministry of Health is now talking evidence of hospital working conditions with a view to recommending changes.

It will be surprising if their recommendations are not drastic. Without improved conditions we shall not get the nurses we want.

Baron's Butler Falls To Death

Baron Frederic d'Erlanger's butler fell to his death from a first-floor window at the rear of the baron's house in Rutland-gate, London, S.W., recently.

The butler was 35-years-old Peter John Wallace, a married man, who has been with the baron's family for some years.

Another member of the household staff found him lying in a basement. Later his body was taken to Westminster Mortuary.

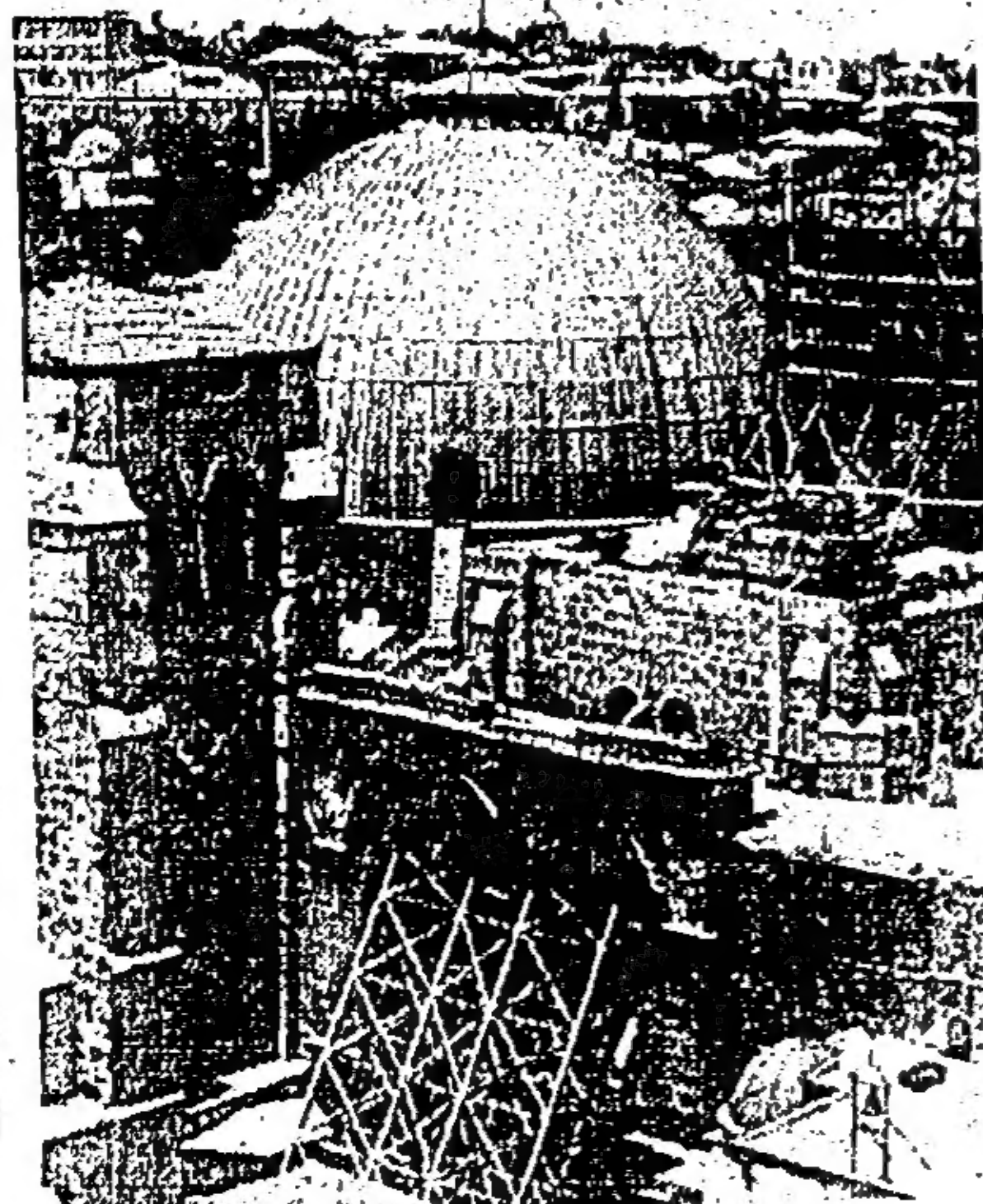
MONEY-AND MUSIC
Baron Frederic d'Erlanger, 70 years old, is vice-chairman of Erlanger's Bank.

He is also famous in the world of music, being composer of several operas, chorals, and symphonic works.

More recently he has composed ballets, including "Les Cent Baisers," performed at Covent Garden by the de Basil Company.

Co-eds Foto Boys

Wolfville, N. S.
Co-eds at Acadia University put things on a paying basis here when for a week they fooled all the entertainment bill for their male classmates.



Wood and steel are shown supporting the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, most noted shrine in Christendom, recently closed to the public because of reported danger of collapse. Earthquake shocks of last October were responsible. The church, built by the Crusaders, stands over the traditional site of Christ's tomb.

One Of Scotland Yard's 'Big Five' To Retire

ONE of Scotland Yard's Big Five, Superintendent Arthur Askew, is to retire at the end of this month.

Since he succeeded Superintendent John Horwell in the "Yard" re-appointing four years ago, Superintendent Askew has been the key man in connection with London crime detection, and also the controller of the Flying Squad.

He was 21½ years in the same division—Albany-street—before going to the "Yard" as a senior inspector.

His first came to him as a young man, when he won the King's Police Medal for bravery.

DISARMED
With a sergeant, he went to arrest a man at Hampstead.

As they were going down some stairs, the man shot the sergeant dead.

Askew turned and grappled with the killer.

After a struggle he managed to disarm him.

Sydney Has Lumber Surplus

Sydney.
About 35,000,000 feet of surplus Oregon timber in huge logs are floating in Sydney harbour, causing concern to the Maritime Services Board. The war in China has contributed to the congestion of lumber.

NOSES ELECTRO-PLATED

Electro-plating the nostrils as a protection against hay-fever has proved effective, according to a review of cases given in the British Medical Journal.

More than 900 cases were treated at a special clinic at the Margaret Street Chest Hospital by Mr. Philip Franklin, the laryngologist.

The results indicate that fullest benefit is obtained when the treatment is given either just before or during the attack. Four treatments at weekly intervals are usually sufficient, but in many cases it is found necessary to increase the number.

It was found that 80 per cent. of the cases benefited. Nine per cent. were free of all symptoms during the season and 35 per cent. were greatly improved, while 46 per cent. were moderately relieved.

Most of the hay-fever victims were between 20 and 40 years of age. In more than half the cases it was a family complaint.

Treatment is given by plugging the nostril with gauze soaked in zinc sulphate solution. A positive electrode is fixed in the centre of the plug and the negative electrode is connected with the arm or hand. A current is passed through for a quarter of an hour.

The zinc is deposited in the nostrils, and the patient can taste the metal.

The man was afterwards sentenced to 12 years' penal servitude for manslaughter.

Superintendent Askew has been in charge of many big cases.

One of them was the Portlady shop murder, for which Probert and Parker were executed.

Superintendent Askew was also responsible for the arrest of Norman Thorne, the Crownborough murderer.

He was in charge, too, of inquiries in the Maudy Gregory "honours" case.

Another of Superintendent Askew's cases was that of the woman who wrote threatening letters to Mr. Philip Snowden, Socialist Chancellor of the Exchequer, later Lord Snowden.

For three-and-a-half years the superintendent directed a drive against sharepushers and "bucket shops."

Since he was promoted to superintendent's rank, Mr. Askew has also taken a leading part in international police work and the rounding-up of smuggling gangs.

Brandy For "Last Man"
St. Louis.

Former Secretary of War Dwight F. Davis has donated a bottle of 120-year-old brandy to the Last Man's Club organized by the St. Louis post of the American Legion. Davis was first commander of the post.

The 60-year-old Corona Hotel in Montreal has been destroyed by fire. Three firemen were taken to hospital with minor injuries and one guest, a passer-by and five other firemen were slightly injured.

War Links Two Lives 20 Years After
Captain R. R. Fergusson, an Australian ex-Army officer, is arranging to sell his sheep farm in South Queensland and come to Scotland to marry a woman he has never seen.

His bride-to-be is Miss Marion Hamilton, of Shotts, Lanarkshire.

IN ACTION
The romance began in Gallipoli in 1915. Miss Hamilton's brother was killed while fighting at Captain Fergusson's side.

The men had been friends, and before going into action they agreed that if one was killed the other would let his relatives know.

While going through his friend's belongings, Captain Fergusson found a photograph of Miss Hamilton. He wrote to her and they corresponded regularly after Captain Fergusson returned to Australia.

Now he plans to buy a farm in Scotland.

EMPIRE NEWS

MIGRATION OUTLOOK IN SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town.
The attraction of South Africa for British emigrants was stressed to-day by Sir William Windham, who was Secretary for Native Affairs in the Transvaal from 1901 to 1910. He arrived here to-day from England.

The Union, he said, should be one of the most attractive countries for British overseas settlement.

While there was no scope for immigration of the lowest-paid British industrial workers, there was opportunity for skilled tradesmen and commercial and professional men. More encouragement might be given to these in preference to those from foreign countries.

1,500 Germans to Vote.—It is expected that about 1,500 German nationals in South Africa will vote in German ships at Union ports between March 31 and April 15 on the Austrian plebiscite. The voting papers are being issued by the German Legation in Pretoria and by the Consulates in other towns.

Australia

SINGAPORE COMBINED AIR EXERCISES

Sydney.
The Australian Air Force is planning the closest co-operation with the Royal Air Force at Singapore. There are to be combined air exercises to test defence strategy of Australia's northern approaches in accordance with the plan laid down at last year's Imperial Conference.

Mr. Lyons's Promise to Unions.—Mr. Lyons, the Prime Minister, promises that the Cabinet, which is to discuss the bringing of organised labour into consultation on defence, will not ask the industrial movement to make concessions. It desires that normal conditions should apply to munitions and defence works. De-mobilising a Labour suggestion that national defence should be financed by the issue of Commonwealth Bank credits, Mr. Lyons said that the Ministry held the people's confidence because it was against inflation.

India

300 PLAGUE DEATHS IN MIRZAPORE

Calcutta.
More than half the population of the moving city of Mirzapore, in the United Provinces, have evacuated their homes and fled to escape an epidemic of plague which has devastated the city and spread to neighbouring villages.

In the past few days 300 deaths have been registered. Actually there are more, as whole families have been wiped out and there is nobody left to report the loss. The authorities are supervising relief measures.

Agent for Burma.—The appointment of the first Agent for the Government of India in Burma is to be expedited owing to impending legislation there with a bias against Indians. This is apparent in the new Rangoon municipal act depriving Indians of certain electoral qualifications.

Burmans constitute only a third of the population in Rangoon and pay only 10 per cent. of the municipal taxes, while Indians, who form 50 per cent. of Rangoon's population, pay more than half the taxes.

Canada

MEETING ELECTORAL CORRUPTION CHARGE

Ottawa.
Mr. C. G. Power, Minister of Pensions is introducing two bills into Parliament for the overhauling of the electoral system and the bringing of party expenditures under the strictest Government supervision.

The first bill provides for the publication periodically of the sources of campaign contributions. The other measure supplements the recommendation of the Parliamentary committee regarding the preparation of electoral lists and the supervision of actual balloting.

The bills are a result of Mr. R. B. Bennett's allegation during the debate on the speech from the Throne, that electoral corruption was rampant in the Dominion. He charged the Liberals with making levies on Canadian National Railway contracts for party funds.

MONTREAL HOTEL FIRE
Montreal.

The 60-year-old Corona Hotel in Montreal has been destroyed by fire. Three firemen were taken to hospital with minor injuries and one guest, a passer-by and five other firemen were slightly injured.

Fraternalism Found Growing
New Orleans.

Because many persons are returning to work, fraternalism is growing, said Fred H. Jones, supreme chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, Los Angeles, who was here on a visit to Louisiana and Mississippi lodges.

Policeman Turns Fire Hero
Cleveland.

A policeman turned fire hero saved his step-daughter, his wife and his dog from their burning home, but missed his 18-year-old canary, which perished in the fire. Frank S. Williams, 50, is the hero.

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12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30 Leslie Hutchinson at the Piano.
Please Remember (Denby-Watson); My Gypsy Dream Girl (From "Command Performance"); By The Sweat Of Your Brow (Mack-Riddle-Blake).

12.40 Jack Hilton and His Orchestra.
The Fleet's In Port Again—Fox-Trot (From "O-Kay For Sound"); "Blister Sweet"—Selection; Lord and Lady Whoozie—Fox-Trot (From "Gangway"); When You Gotta Sing—You Gotta Sing—Fox-Trot (From "Gangway").

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Marek Weber's Orchestra and Keith Falkner (Baritone).
Leo Fall—Potpourri (Arr. Dostal). ... Orchestra; A Song Doesn't Care (From "Mayfair Melody"). ... K. Falkner.

1.15 Router and Rugby Press.
Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.30 Variety.
Vocal—Yogi-Bogi; Sweet Sue, Just You. ... The Four Crochets (Vocal Quartette) with Guitars; Vocal—Gang Show (R. Reader). ... Ralph Reader and Chorus with Orchestra.

1.40 Relay of Rotary Tiffin Speech from The Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Subject: "What is this Empire?"

2.15 Close Down.
2.0 Light Orchestral Selections.
Ballroom Memories—Waltz Potpourri (Arr. Carl Robrecht). ... Orchestra; Masquerade; Chinese Legend (Schulenburg); Majorska (Schulenburg). ... Eugen Wolff and His Orchestra; Jealousy—Tango Tzigane (Jacob Gade); Entry Of The Boyards (March). ... Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler; For You Only—Serenade (Boulanger). ... George Boulanger and His Orchestra; Gypsy Caprice (Fekaris); Wunderlust—Waltz (Smith). ... Alfredo and His Orchestra.

2.30 For The Children.
Nursery Rhymes. ... Uncle George's Party; I Dree, I Dree, I Dropped It (Traditional—Arr. Chalmers's Wood); The Farmer's in His Den (Traditional—Arr. Chalmers's Wood). ... Chalmers's Woods Orchestra with vocal refrain; "The Hums Of Pools" (Poems by A. A. Milne, Music by H. Fraser-Simson); They all went off to discover the Pole; Three cheers for Pools; The more it snows; The Butterflies are flying. ... George Baker (Baritone) with Piano.

2.55 Piano Solos.
Hungarian Rhapsody No. 10 (Liszt). ... Anka Dorfmann (Piano).
7.05 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan.
"Ruddigore"—Selection ... The Band of H.H. Coldstream Guards cond. by Lieut. J.C. Windram.

"Trill By Jury"—A Nice Dilemma ... Leo Sheffield, Arthur Hosking, Derek Oldham, George Baker, Winifred Lawson and Chorus; I Love Oldham and Chorus; The Question, Gentlemen Oh Joy Unbounded ... Leo Sheffield, Arthur Hosking, Winifred Lawson, Derek Oldham and Chorus; "The Gondoliers" I Am A Courtier grave and serious ... H.A. Lytton, E. Lewis, M. Bennett, D. Oldham and G. Baker; Here is a case ... D. Oldham, G. Baker, M. Bennett, W. Lawson, A. Davies and Chorus; Now let the Loyal Lieges gather round (Finale, Act 2) ... Full Company.

7.33 Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.35 Variety.
Dance Band—The Comical Fellow; Mutual Love ... Folk Dance Band conducted by Ronnie Munro, Humorous—Issy Goes To Lunch; My Best Friend ... Issy Boon (Comedian) with Orchestra; Vocal—Dixie, I'm The Fiddler Of Dooney (Gladya Taylor); "Give A Man A Horse He Can Ride" (Geoffrey O'Hara) ... P. Guntrip.

8.20 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 Studio—A Recital by P. Guntrip (Baritone) accompanied by Lindsay A. Lafford (Piano).

1. "The Wheel-Toppers" Song" (Woleley, Charles); 2. "By The Light Of The Moon" (Raymond Loughborough) ... P. Guntrip, 3. Piano Solo ... Lindsay A. Lafford; 4. "The Fiddler Of Dooney" (Gladya Taylor); 5. "Give A Man A Horse He Can Ride" (Geoffrey O'Hara) ... P. Guntrip.

8.20 London Relay—"Escape"—A.
First-hand accounts by Prisoners of War; "An Unconquered Tour of England" by Oberculmann A.D. Heitz H. E. Justus.

8.50 Studio—"Arensky" Trio.
Frue Lewis (Violin), Ettore Felletti (Continued on Page 11.)

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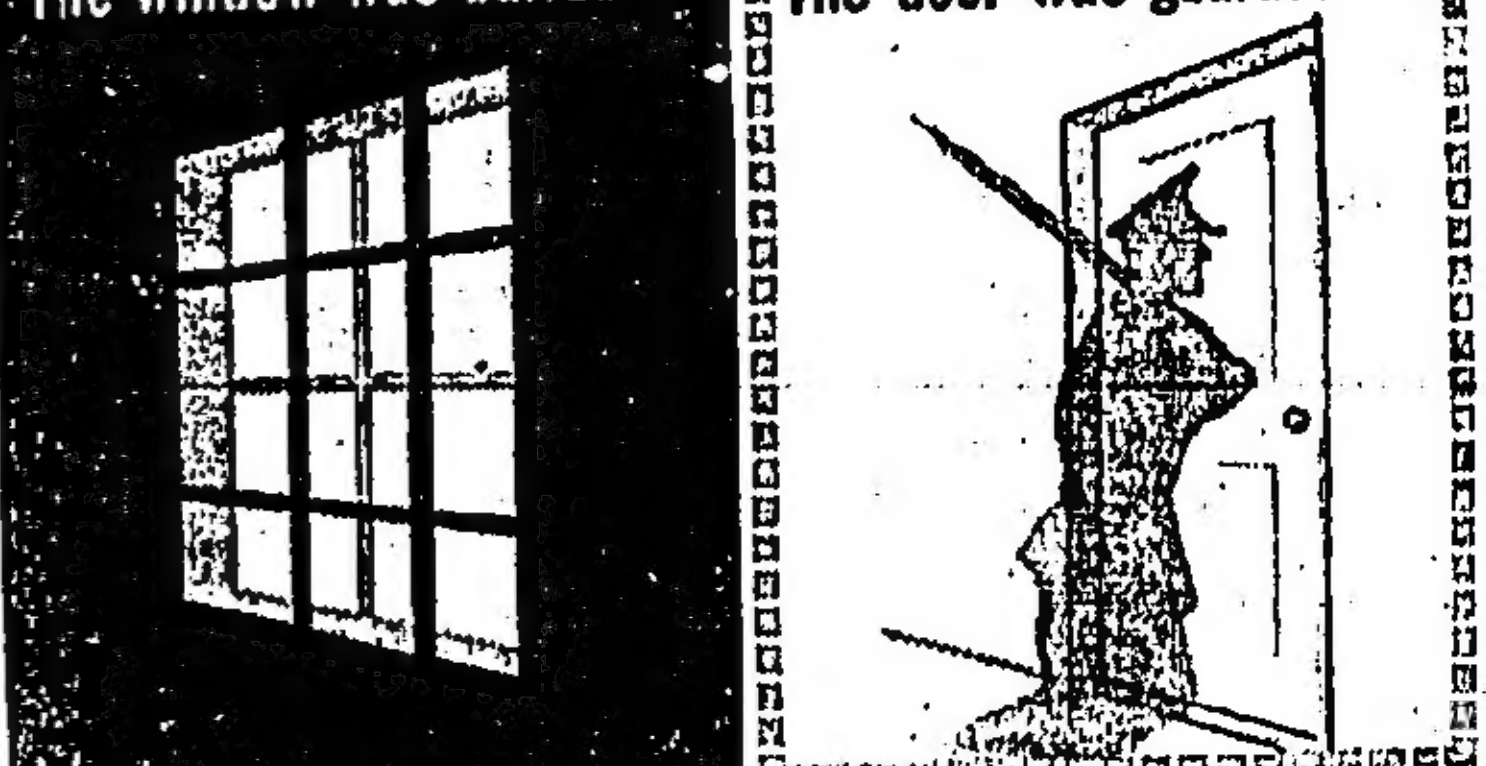
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INAUSPICIOUS START TO LAWN BOWLS TOURNAMENT

RAIN CURTAILS PROGRAMME OF PAIRS MATCHES ONLY THREE DECISIONS REACHED YESTERDAY

(By "Abe")

An inauspicious start was made to the annual Lawn Bowls tournament yesterday. Of the eight matches down for decision in the Open Pairs, only three were decided. Rain prevented two from being completed and the rest were not played.

Some interesting heads were seen on the Club de Recreio green, where all the three matches which reached a decision were played. The most exciting match was that in which R. Ellis and F. E. E. Booker, of the Police R.C., defeated A. T. Lay and A. Hyde-Lay by 10-17.

The issue was still in doubt when the last head was started. The latter were leading by 17-10 after trailing behind the Police players nearly all the way, but could not prevent their opponents from scoring a two to match the victory.

Ellis and Booker led 7-2, 10-2 and 10-3, but the brothers improved and on the tenth head were only 11-9 in arrears. The Police pair, however, forged ahead again and led 10-19 on the eighteenth.

A complete change came over the game in the next two heads which saw the Lay brothers registering a five and a two to lead by 17-10. With only one more head to play, the issue was very open; but Ellis and Booker steeled themselves to score a two to nose out their opponents. Booker and Hyde-Lay were very consistent and often changed the lay.

GREEN HEAVY

J. Orem and W. Mair did not seem to find the heavy green to their liking, and were not up to their usual form. On the other hand, L. Jack seemed comfortable throughout, and with good support by A. A. Dand, the K.C.C. pair emerged winners by 24-21. The scores were close enough most of the time, on the seventeenth end, the pairs were level at 10-10.

Another K.C.C. success was registered when J. M. Jack and V. C. Labrum defeated V. Petherick and T. Ferguson, of the Kowloon F.C., by 22-18.

These three matches were interrupted several times by rain. The two latter lies finished about 7.20 p.m. in semi-darkness.

The remaining match on the Recreio green, between M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah, of the Indian R.C., and E. W. Lines and R. Duncan, of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, was not played as Dallah was indisposed.

GAMES INTERRUPTED

On the Civil Service C.C. green, only two matches were started. Neither was completed as rain drove the players to shelter after a few heads had been played.

As to be expected, the green was very heavy, and none of the players seemed to be at home in these conditions. A. Bakar and A. K. Mina, of the Indian R.C. were leading G. T. Padgett and L. de Rome, of the Hongkong Electric R.C., by 11-0 on the ninth head when the rain came.

A. J. Coelho and J. Pau, of the Crutcheviller C.C. were leading D. M. Khan and M. R. Abbas by 0-5 when the game was stopped after the seventh end. Pau was playing well and took first shot twice when his opponents were lying four and three. Both these matches will be resumed to-morrow.

A. E. Contes and R. Bass were present on the green, but apparently one of their opponents did not show up.

AMERICA APPROVES OLYMPIC DATES

Collegians May Have Leave

New York, May 23.

Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the United States Olympic Committee, announced to-day that arrangements have been completed to enable American collegians to participate in the Olympic Games at Tokyo in 1940 despite the loss of two months' studies.

Mr. Brundage said the Olympic Committee reiterated its warning to Japan that if the present conflict interferes with the Olympic arrangements, "half a dozen major cities are ready to hold mandatory Games."

He specially mentioned London and Helsinki.

The Olympic Games will be held in Tokyo from September 21 to October 6, 1940. These dates were fixed by the Executive Committee last week because it was felt that the weather in Japan would be too hot if the Games were held earlier in the year. This decision was not popular in the United States as it would affect the studies of college athletes, who make up the bulk of the American Olympic team. Apparently these difficulties have been overcome.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKETERS SCORE 528

A. L. Hassett Just Misses Century

London, May 23.

Scoring 432 runs for five wickets on Saturday, the Australian cricket tourists took their total to 628 against Surrey to-day. A. L. Hassett, who was 65 not out, had the misfortune to get out when he was only two runs short of his century. On Saturday, Bradman scored 143 and W. A. Brown 90.

Surrey had scored 269 for eight wickets at close of play. Gregory made 60 and Barling 67.

LANCASHIRE v. NORTHANTS

Lancashire defeated Northants by an innings and 57 runs. Lancashire scored 322, and in reply Northants managed only 98 and 167. Pollard took six wickets for 31 runs in Northants' first innings and four for 43 in the second.—Reuter.



Mr. C. L. Gregory has good reason to be happy, as his win in the Walstead Handicap for Australian ponies on Centre Court marks his graduation from the Novices' Class. Picture shows him being led in on Saturday after his win. Centre Court paid \$100 for a win (Photo Race Pictorial).

BOXING CONFERENCE DISSOLVE IN CLOUD OF WORDS

Rome Meeting Nothing Really Useful

London, Apr. 21.

"Well—at least it was a nice trip to Rome." The delegates to the world boxing conference could congratulate themselves on that as they packed their bags for home last night, but they had little else to feel pleased about.

Why is it these sport conferences so often dissolve in a cloud of words? Sixty-four boxing controllers, aided by a staff of interpreters, have talked boxing to their hearts' content for two days.

And, according to latest messages from Rome, they are more or less where they started. The main item on the agenda, as I stated some time ago, was the "no-foul" rule. The United States aimed to make it operative throughout the world. Other delegates hoped to see it abolished in America.

So they talked and they argued, for they had come all the way to Rome for the opportunity, and at the end decided that in future all countries should be bound by their own rules. That is precisely what the position has been in the past.

JUST IN CASE

One staggering pronouncement by the conference was "the only rule applicable to Great Britain shall be those of the British Boxing Board of Control."

That is just in case the all-in wrestlers or the M.C.C. try to stend a march on the game here by usurping power.

The meeting also agreed that all world championship fights must be over 15 rounds. Representatives of some States then pointed out that their laws forbade such long fights, and what were they to do? This poser was referred to the next meeting, which may take place six months hence.

The New York Commission consented to recognise world championship boxes of under 21, though they

don't do so at home, and there were several other rulings which, as far as I can see, do not alter the present situation one iota.

In fact, the only thing emerging from the conference which looks promising is a commission of seven, appointed to compile a list of world champions and contenders.

SPECIALISTS JOB

It would be wiser for this commission to cease work when it has named eight champions and leave promoters to find the contenders.

It has been proved over and again that boardroom-made matches, arranged months in advance, do not work out. For a recent example, take the Ben Ford-Eddie Phillips heavy-weight eliminator.

The British Board fixed this up a long time ago, hoping for some kind of promoter to stage it. But since the men were paired Ford has blotted his reputation in Hamburg. A promoter willing to gamble on such a promotion now could not be spotted through a telescope.

There is more in successful match-making than merely naming two boxers. That is why I think boxing control bodies should confine themselves to the government of the sport and leave the task of fight-arranging, which is a showman's job, to those who know the business.

However, the commission is in power on a two-years' trial, and I must agree that Britain has done pretty well for herself, for one of its seven members is Col. R. E. Middleton, chairman of the British Board, and the secretary appointed to the party is none other than Mr. Charles Donmall, who serves the B.B. of C. in a similar capacity.

THE WHITCOMBE HABIT

Charles, with Two 68's, Snatches Golf Prize from Nephew

By Charles Buchan

London, Apr. 23.

Charles Whitcombe, Britain's Ryder Cup captain, won the Silver King £1,000 golf tournament at Moor Park with a record score of 276 for the 72 holes—three strokes better than Cotton's winning total last year.

Starting the day five strokes behind the leaders, he played each of the last two rounds in 68 and finished two ahead of his nephew, Eddie, and Alfred Perry, his success earning a prize of £200.

The winner's score of 31 for the last nine holes has rarely been equalled and never surpassed in the vital final round of a big tournament.

When Charles reached the tenth tee I asked him how he was getting on. He said: "I'm playing like a newly-born child." He had reached the turn in 37, rather disgusted at taking 3 putts from eight yards at the 9th.

The fireworks started at the short 12th, where he holed from six yards for a 2. At the next hole, 485 yards long, he holed a chip shot from 30 yards for a 3 and then holing from three yards, after being short with his second, at the 14th.

THE STAR SHOT

But I thought the winning stroke came at the 16th, a full-blooded brute four yards past the hole. Whitcombe admitted to me it was one of the best shots he had ever played in his life. He finished without showing any sign of distress and brought off a 100-1 chance.

Sympathy went out to young Eddie—he is 23. A great little player, with a beautifully controlled swing and full of courage, he will win a big competition soon.

He proved his pluck in that testing last round. Though he had a three-stroke advantage at the end of the 3rd round, he knew at the 4th hole that Perry had returned 70, and he must go round in 72 to get in front. Followed by a large gallery, he played like a seasoned campaigner, hitting the ball with wonderful accuracy and making few mistakes. Perry gave another example of his fighting qualities. Though taking three putts on five greens in the morning, he fought back gallantly. Indeed, if some of the many putts that just lipped the hole had gone down, he would have won, instead of being narrowly beaten.

RECORD ROUND

While Whitcombe was enjoying the fruits of victory in the club-house, W. J. Cox, the burly Ryder Cup player, smashed the course record with a glorious round of 67.

He was sent on his way rejoicing at the third, measuring 162 yards, where he holed his tee shot.

Out in 38, his only error was a tee-shot pushed into a ditch at the 6th, a hole that cost 6. Like Whitcombe, Cox came home gloriously in 31 and it was a pity that he had left his effort until too late.

And now hats off to Sandy Herd, who outscored most people by going round the course twice in 73—and finished the 72 holes in level fours—a great prelude to his 70th birthday to-morrow.

LEADING SCORES

C. J. Whitcombe (Crews)	71 69 68 68—276
Alfred Perry (Leatherhead)	71 64 73 70—278
E. J. Whitcombe (Meyrick Pk.)	69 68 68 73—278
James Adams (Liverpool)	72 63 71 71—279
N. Sutton (Leigh)	70 70 68 73—281
W. J. Cox (Wimbledon Park)	71 72 72 67—282
Henry Cotton (Ashridge)	71 68 73 70—282
D. A. Curtis (Queen's Park)	75 71 68 68—282
P. J. King (Knoke Park)	72 73 69 70—284
A. G. Beck (Sherwood Forest)	70 71 70 73—284
A. J. H. Padgham (Sunderland Pk.)	72 69 74 70—285
D. J. Keen (Sutton)	73 70 71 71—286
Mox Faulkner (Sutton)	71 70 72 73—289
R. Burton (Sale)	68 67 70 75—289
R. A. Whitcombe (Parkside)	72 69 75 72—297
A. J. Lacey (Berkshire)	69 70 70 78—297
Perry Allas (Temple Newsam)	69 71 73 74—297
W. J. Branch (Leicester)	68 73 73 73—297
S. Easterbrook (Knowle)	72 69 76 73—297
F. Robertson (Grims)	71 68 70 73—298
A. Hest (Moor Park)	73 67 73 73—298
Abe Mitchell (Verulam)	73 68 74 73—299



Charles Whitcombe

NEW YORK GIANTS BEATEN

New York, May 23.

All matches in the American Baseball League were postponed to-day.

In the National section, Pittsburgh Pirates defeated New York Giants by 4-3. Cincinnati Reds beat Brooklyn Dodgers 6-4. Philadelphia Phillies beat St. Louis Cardinals 7-0, and Chicago Cubs beat Boston Braves 4-1.—Reuter.

A FAMOUS OARSMAN PASSES AWAY

London, May 17.

Stephen Fairbairn, famous oarsman and rowing coach and inventor of the "Fairbairn style," died here to-day at the age of 78.

Born in Australia, Mr. Fairbairn spent most of his life in England. He was a barrister and director of Dalgety and Company, Australian merchants.—Reuter.

ROBERTS MAY NOT PLAY AGAIN

Alluding recently to Herbert Roberts, the Arsenal and England centre-half, who was carried off the field at Highbury last October upon the occasion of the match against Middlesbrough, Mr. George Allison, the Arsenal manager, said:

"Latest X-ray photographs show that his leg is no better and I doubt if it is in his best interests that he should play again. He is eminently suited for a managerial post and may possibly take one. The leg trouble is the outcome of an accumulation of injuries to the right thigh over several years."

Roberts joined Arsenal from Oswestry in 1928 and was "capped" for England against Scotland in 1931.

one up. Play commenced in a thin drizzle, which stopped early in the afternoon although the wind increased.—United Press.

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THESE AUSTRALIANS ARE THE MOST ORDINARY TEST TEAM I'VE SEEN

Says Patsy Hendren, Famous
England Cricketer

London, Apr. 24.
The hand of welcome held out last week to the Australian cricketers is a reminder that we are about to start on what should be a really cricket season.

What are our thoughts about the merits of the Australians?

My general summary, based on knowledge of most of the players, and on reliable evidence about those I don't know, is that they are the most ordinary lot sent from Australia to this country during my time.

I shouldn't be surprised to find that the Australians themselves, in their hearts, feel that way, too. But it isn't their business to shout the odds against themselves. They leave that to us.

"RUBBISH!" I want to knock one idea on the head. It is that even the weather gods have already ranged themselves on the side of the Australians. "Look at this amazing spring," people say. "It is making pitches which are just the sort the Australians love."

Don't believe such rubbish. The extraordinary two months of weather we have had is going to play ducks and drakes with cricket. And the Australians won't escape all the ducks.

I was coaching at Cambridge last week. Fenners is one of the best pitches in the country. But each day—although the practice was confined to three hours—just was rising from those practice pitches. Groundsmen haven't been able to aid nature in the same way as usual because nature has been working differently.

Unless something happens, the best of our Test match pitches will be dusty very early in the games. On dusty pitches bowlers can make the ball turn, which is important, and pop, which is not quite so important, but upsetting. And the Australians are less accustomed to turning and popping deliveries than are our own men.

Now look at what I have called this ordinary cricket team. There are eight newcomers among the sixteen. I am not prepared to tell you how the eight will shape. Nobody can tell, in advance, whether good cricketers in Australia will be worse or better cricketers under English conditions.

All these Australians are good cricketers, of course. They don't pick "duds." But they don't make up a fearsome combination.

Of course, there are menaces in the side. Menace number one is Don Bradman. Perhaps it is surprising the Australians to say that Bradman ought to be better than he has ever been. But I mean it.

Maturity will have added to his discretion; responsibility will have stiffened that upper lip.

ALL-ROUNDER Then, Stan McCabe is a fine all-rounder, too young to have gone back.

Just before Bradman, and just after McCabe in the batting list, the ability has to be proved, although there is a possible real menace in Bradcock.

At least half a dozen players who went to Australia with the last England team have said he is just like me in build and style. If that is true, then if I were an Australian

I should hope they won't have to use him as an opening bat in the Tests. Yet they might have to do so.

Brown, whom we know, and Fingleton, are the obvious choices for the honour of opening. I very much doubt if, individually or as a pair, they will prove themselves as good as Woodfull and Ponsford, and other great opening pairs we have had from Australia.

Wicketkeeper Barnett is a useful batsman; Chipperfield a good all-rounder, and high hopes are centred in the new man, Lindsay Hassett. Without any disrespect to these fine players, it must be said that they are no better than many from whom England will be able to choose.

So we turn to the bowling, and run up against menace number two—"Tiger" O'Reilly, the world's best bowler at the present time, without a doubt. Very nearly, I should say, the world's best of any time.

An starting bowlers there will be Ernest McCormick, and possibly Mervyn Waite. I shall watch the latter with particular interest. He was a colt to whom I gave instruction during a spell of coaching in South Australia ten years ago. Good luck, Mervyn!

A CONUNDRUM I can't see a Gregory-Macdonald combination approached by the men who will have to open the bowling for Australia. Even so, we haven't knocked them all off yet.

There is the conundrum Flettwood-Smith. A conundrum because he may have the best side in the world almost trading on each other on the way back to the pavilion. Equally, he may present a sack of runs to the world's worst Test match batsmen.

The Australians have six weeks in which to work themselves up. If they had to choose from the sixteen a side to play in a Test to-morrow it would probably be made up in this batting order:—

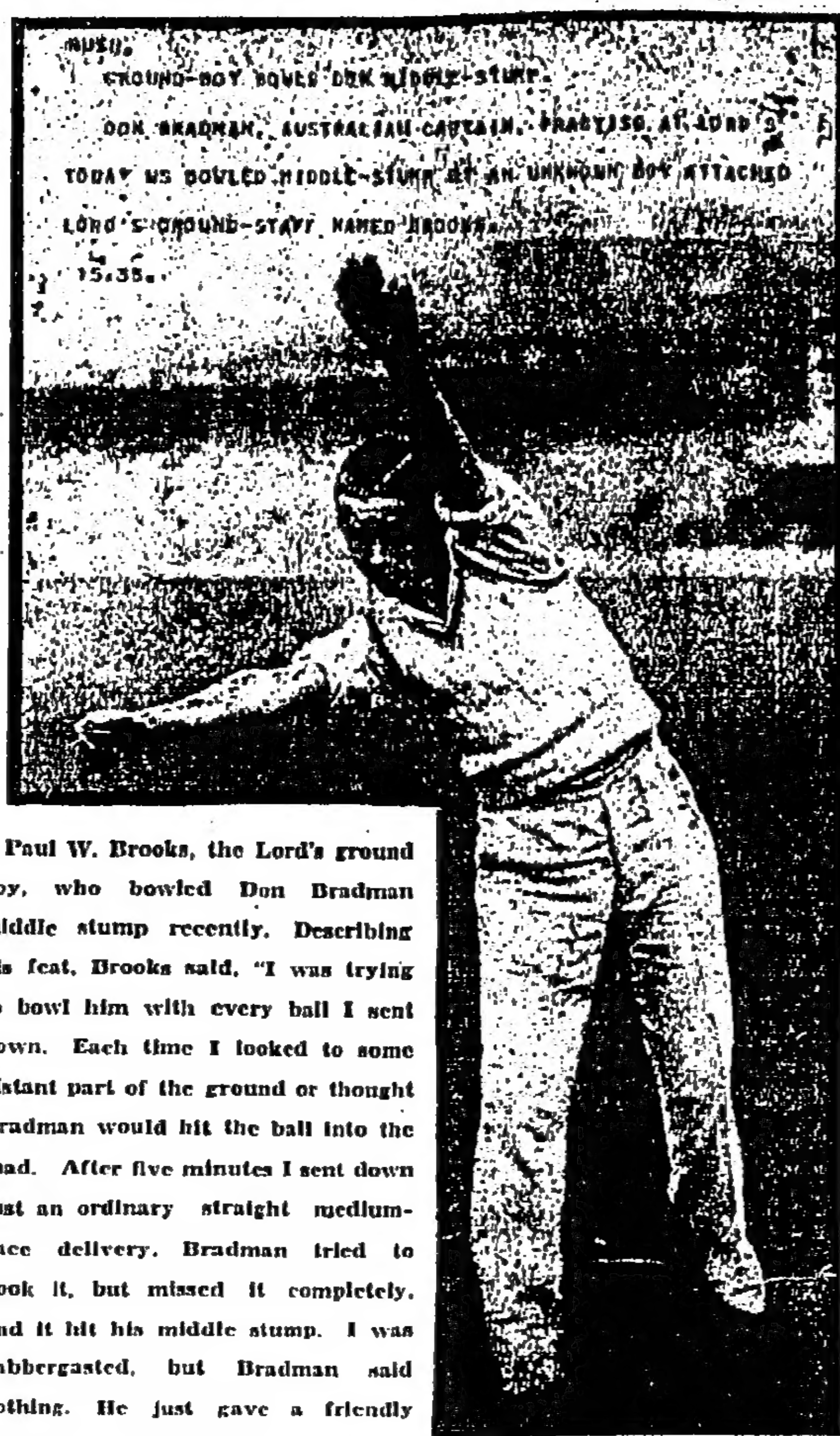
Brown, Fingleton, Bradman, McCabe, Bradcock, Hassett, Barnett, O'Reilly, Flettwood-Smith, McCormick.

The eleventh place (not in batting order) would seem to rest between Waite, Ward, and Chipperfield. Does that really seem such a wonderful team to you?

DERBY CALL-OVER London, May 23.

The call-over to-day for the Derby was:—Posch 9-4, t and o; Golden Sovereign 100-15 o, 7 t; Scottish Union 19-2, o, 100 t; Port Marne 100-6 t and o; Pound Foolish 100-6 o, 10 t; Mizzia 9-0-6 o, 8 t; Bala Russell 20 o, 25 t; Faroe 28 o, 33 t; Fly On 33 t and o; Troon 33 o, 40 t; Valerian 33 o; Manorite 33 o; Olympus 40 o, 50 t; Tahir 40 o, 50 t; Bland Star 40 o.

—Reuter.



Paul W. Brooks, the Lord's ground boy, who bowled Don Bradman middle stump recently. Describing his feat, Brooks said, "I was trying to bowl him with every ball I sent down. Each time I looked to some distant part of the ground or thought Bradman would hit the ball into the road. After five minutes I sent down just an ordinary straight medium-pace delivery. Bradman tried to hook it, but missed it completely, and it hit his middle stump. I was flabbergasted, but Bradman said nothing. He just gave a friendly smile."

"3-BOB-A-GAME" AGAINST BUNNY

By Ulysses Rogers
"Daily Express" Lawn Tennis Reporter

Bournemouth, Apr. 26.
Friends of F. Jack Piercy, tennis-playing medical student, ranged up with more than usual interest to-day to watch him play "Bunny" Austin in the hard courts championships at Bournemouth. Not that they expected to see him win, but for quite another reason.

"Jack's father has promised to give him three shillings for every game he can get out of 'Bunny,'" said one of them.

So the ready-reckoning began. "He's got the first game—three bob."

Breathless anxiety. "Game, Piercy," cried the umpire. "Six bob," said the lads.

Piercy went steadily on playing the fine game he is nowadays showing the public.

"Game and first set to Austin, 6-4," said the umpire. "Twelve bob for Jack," cried Jack's chums.

The next set Piercy actually won 6-4. "Eighteen shillings more for Jack! Thirty bob all told. Keep it up old son; you'll be a millionaire."

But in the next set Jack didn't bag a single three bobsworth. It was 0-0 against him. However, nine shillings came along in the fourth set.

"Good old Jack!" said his pals. "He's knocked thirteen games out of 'Bunny.' Thirty-nine bob. Good huntin'!"

COUNTY CRICKET

London, May 23.
Lunch cricket scores were: Derby 217-8 against Somerset. Glamorgan 147-1, Hants 310. Lancs 322, Northants 98 and 9-0. Yorks 212-1, Sussex 260. Leicesters 263-7, Warwick 112. Middlesex 474, Notts 53-3. Surrey 9-0, Australians 528. Worcester 17-0, Kent 602-7 declared.—Reuter Bulletin.

GAVIA BROTHERS TAKE NATIONAL DOUBLES TITLE

Manila, May 19.
The Gavia brothers, Leonardo and Juanito, lobbed and smashed their way to win the 1938 national tennis doubles championship against the Far Eastern University pair, Felicissimo Ampon and Cesar Carmona, yesterday afternoon at the Rizal Memorial Tennis Stadium. The Gavias' well-calculated game forced the FEU combination to literally defeat themselves in three straight sets, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.

"Mighty Mite" Ampon forgot he was playing a doubles match and his attempt to cover the whole court lost the Easterner many costly points. He rushed to Carmona's side of the court time and time again and presented the Gavias with easy placements and no possible return.

Leonardo and Juanito played a safe game most of the way, lobbing to Ampon who could only return it for a perfect smash. Juanito played an exceptionally nice game in the last two sets. His forehand driving and clever net-work had the FEU pair beaten.

Immediately after the match trophies were awarded the 1938 winners of the three national tennis championships by Dr. Victor Buenavista, president of the Philippine Islands Lawn Tennis Association. Amado Sanchez, who dethroned Leonardo as national singles champion, was the first to receive a cup. Minda Ochoa, who easily captured the women's singles championship, followed next, and then came Leonardo and Juanito.

NO LEAGUE GAME

The mixed doubles league match between Heceto and Kowloon Cricket Club "A" was postponed yesterday after the first round owing to the heavy rain.

The match between Chinese Recreation Club and the Hongkong Cricket Club was postponed.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued at 3.15 p.m. yesterday, says:

There was very little change to report in the market, which opened and remained quiet throughout the day.

Buyers
Hongkong Bank \$1,500
Hankong (Lon) £21½
Union Insurance \$318
Yenz, Goldfield \$2.00
H. & B. Hotels \$2.00
H.K. Lands 4½ Debitures \$0.10
H.K. Realities \$2.70
Peak Trams (Old) \$7
Macao Electric \$17½
Consolidated Mines \$14
Marrmans (H.K.) 3/10

Sales
Hongkong Bank \$1,510/20
Providents (New) \$3.25
H. & B. Hotels \$2.00/00
China Lights (Old) \$11.50/00
H.K. Electric \$20/00.10
Antimoka Pn 44
Benguet Consol 9.20
Coco Grove 59
Consolidated Mines 903
Demonstrations 27½
I.X.L. 61
San Maricelo 46
Suyce Consol 16
United Paracales 32

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 4th and Monday, 6th June, 1938, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road. Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 26th May, 1938.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

SWIMMER FOR ARMY Japanese Olympic Star Ordered To Front

Tokyo, May 23.
Murakoh, Japanese Olympic swimming star, has been conscripted and ordered to the front.

In the 1936 Games at Berlin, Murakoh was fourth in the five thousand metres and ten thousand metres free style events, and is regarded as one of Japan's hopes for the 1940 Games in Tokyo.—United Press.

FANLING GOLF

Qualifying Competition For Captain's Cup

In a play-off of a tie on the Old Course, Fanling, in the May Qualifying Competition for the Captain's Cup, F. Groves 77-6=71, beat F. Buckle who did not return a card.

Bogey (Par) Pool
The Bogey (Par) Pool played on the Old Course, Fanling, over the week-end was won by R. G. Gray (14) four up. Other scores were: W. M. Gordon (18) one up; J. J. A. Sherry (18), F. Groves (8) and H. H. Pethick (15) all square. There were 20 entries.

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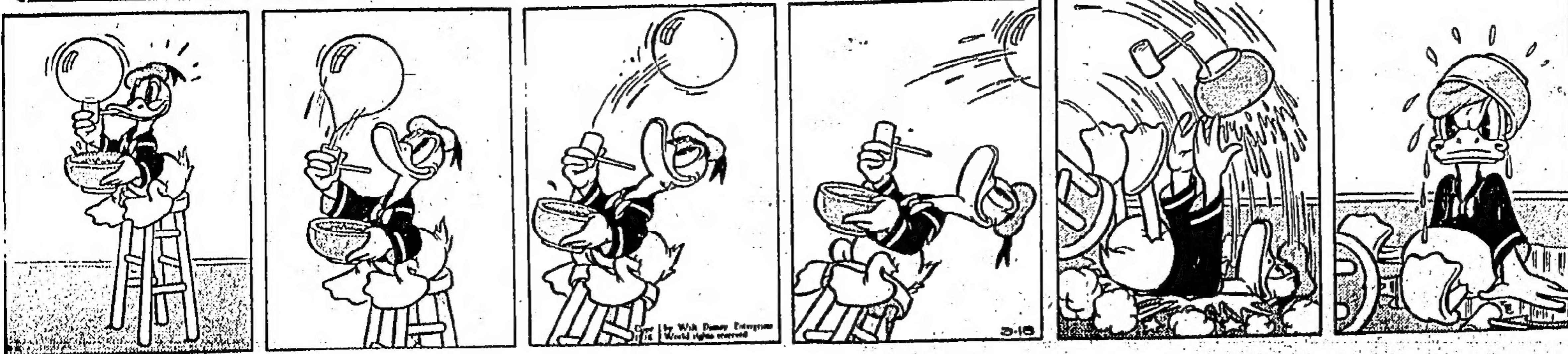
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RESUME

When all diplomatic efforts fail, Polish statesman and Marie Walewska to plead for Napoleon's support of Poland. Marie and Napoleon fall deeply in love. She leaves her husband to join Napoleon for an idyllic winter. With the arrival of Spring, Napoleon sets out on his Austrian campaign, first granting Poland its freedom. Austria conquered, Marie rejoins him in Vienna. She is radiantly happy in the discovery that they are to have a child. However, before she can tell him this, he announces he will marry Prince Marie Louise in order to found a dynasty.

Chapter Three

FAREWELL TO LOVE

She stared at him in stunned silence. He paced up and down the room, unaware of her speaking his thoughts aloud. "I must have an ally I can count on. I can bring all my enemies to their knees as I have Austria, only to see them struggle to their feet again to fight me. This can't go on forever. I can conquer their armies—but I cannot conquer their hate with artillery. He paused, his eyes glazed with some distant vision. "This day, in this castle I decided to grant the Hapsburgs a peace I shall no longer have to enforce. To them I have been an adventurer, an upstart," he cried bitterly. "I must mingle my blood with theirs. Think! A son of Napoleon born of Hapsburg blood!" He smiled. "It is arranged. Marie! He rushed to help her to her feet. "Marie," he pleaded, "what do you say?"

A faint, barely audible sound broke through her lips. "Nothing," "Nothing?" he inquired in astonishment.

"Perhaps—there are no words—Marie. Understand, my dear, this changes nothing between us. I beg you. I implore you, Marie! Listen to me! This is an affair of state. My personal feelings are not involved. I love you. I want you near me always. You—yourself—promised at Walewska. I've never seen the Princess Marie Louise. This transference of ancient blood is a necessity forced upon me—"

"Ancient blood?" she cried in horror. "This—cold water—she pointed to the room—"This is a tomb—and you are going to live in it. A tomb. With a bride who hates you—a family who despises you. Do you think they will forget that you have beaten them? They will hate you for forcing yourself upon them!"

"Marie!" he cut in furiously. "Her tears fell fast. "What has happened to you?" she wept. "What has changed you? What are you doing to yourself—to me—to all who believed in you? Napoleon!" she pleaded, "is there no other son you could love but one born of the royal blood you once despised?"

"If he is to sit secure on the throne," Napoleon answered, "he must be of royal blood!"

Marie's hands fell slowly to her side. She knew then she must keep locked within her the secret she thought would bring him joy—the secret that they were to have a child—a hoped-for son.

"Do you remember the days when an idea was stronger than a throne?" she asked desperately. "Do you remember the French Revolution?"

"The Revolution?" he shouted in anger. "That was a phase of my youth. I've outgrown it! That's what you don't see!"

"You lied," she cried passionately. "You lied to yourself—to what you were—to what you promised the world—to all those who died for you believing in a new Europe. You lied. They are betrayed. Power has conquered you. Her grief shook her. She pointed to the Hapsburg portraits on the wall. "These are your kind now, these Hapsburg faces. Bloodless. Cruel. The dead in life. Death of the throne. She laughed hysterically. "What a pity," she sobbed. "The Liberator of Europe has become a 'son-in-law'!"

With a helpless gesture of defeat, she buried her face in her hands and rushed past him—out of the palace—out of his life. Napoleon married the Princess Marie Louise amid pomp and glory. And, as he hoped, a son was born to them. But, as if Marie's warning at Schoenbrunn had been clairvoyant, death followed him in every campaign during the three ensuing years.

One by one his armies failed against those of England—Spain, Austria, Russia. It was his tragic march on Russia that definitely turned the tide. From all Europe rose against him. The Emperor became a prisoner, exiled to Elba.

For eight months he suffered his exile, his mind and heart burning with a mad ambition. He must escape. He must somehow get back to France. Once in Paris, he was certain he could count on the love of the French people, and with their help win back some part of his empire for his son, the young King of Rome.

If only he could see his son! His Empress had promised she would bring the child to him, but day followed day with no sign of their arrival.

and she, in obedience, crossed to him shyly. He lifted her hand to his lips, then motioned toward his room across the hall. Inside his room they faced each other, their eyes meeting for a brief instant. With intense longing, he took her in his arms and kissed her. The dam of pent-up emotions broke at the contact and Marie, shaken by sob, kissed him rapturously.

"I've waited for this moment—so long—" "Why did you never tell me of our son?" he asked wonderingly. "I tried to," she whispered. "At Schoenbrunn—" He held her close, waiting for her weeping to cease.

"You were right," he said at last. "My marriage was fatal to me. And you have suffered through it. That is the life I have given you."

She put her fingers against his lips to hush him. "I love you Napoleon Bonaparte! That is the life you have given me!" A sharp gust of wind banged closed the shutters and a burst of thunder echoed into the room. "A storm is coming up," he said. "I shall love the storms of Elba," she smiled, "and the people—and

ly—"Elba is theirs!" "They will leave you in peace here if you let them," she begged earnestly. "Listen to me, my dear. I've come from the continent. You have fought too many wars. Too many hopes have died. France is tired—let her rest!" He shook his head. "What would you have me do?" he demanded. "Shall I bend my head and let them go on punishing me forever?"

"Let the good you have done praise you forever," she pleaded. "Let the wrong be forgotten. Napoleon. Your star had led you to a garden—not to a camp."

"France comes so soon with death," he answered. "But death is contemptible. I have faced it a thousand times. It is life that must be faced. I must go back. Marie! Believe in me! This time I shall not fail!"

She looked at him. On her face was lined the pain of the woman who knows no will except that of the man she loves. "You are the sea," she said slowly. "And I must drown in it. Give me the message."

He kissed her gratefully. With feverish haste, he rang for the ser-



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the songs—and the sea—and the funny little village. I'm going to take a house here. I shall live here. I shall live here. I shall live here.

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By Paul F. Berdanier



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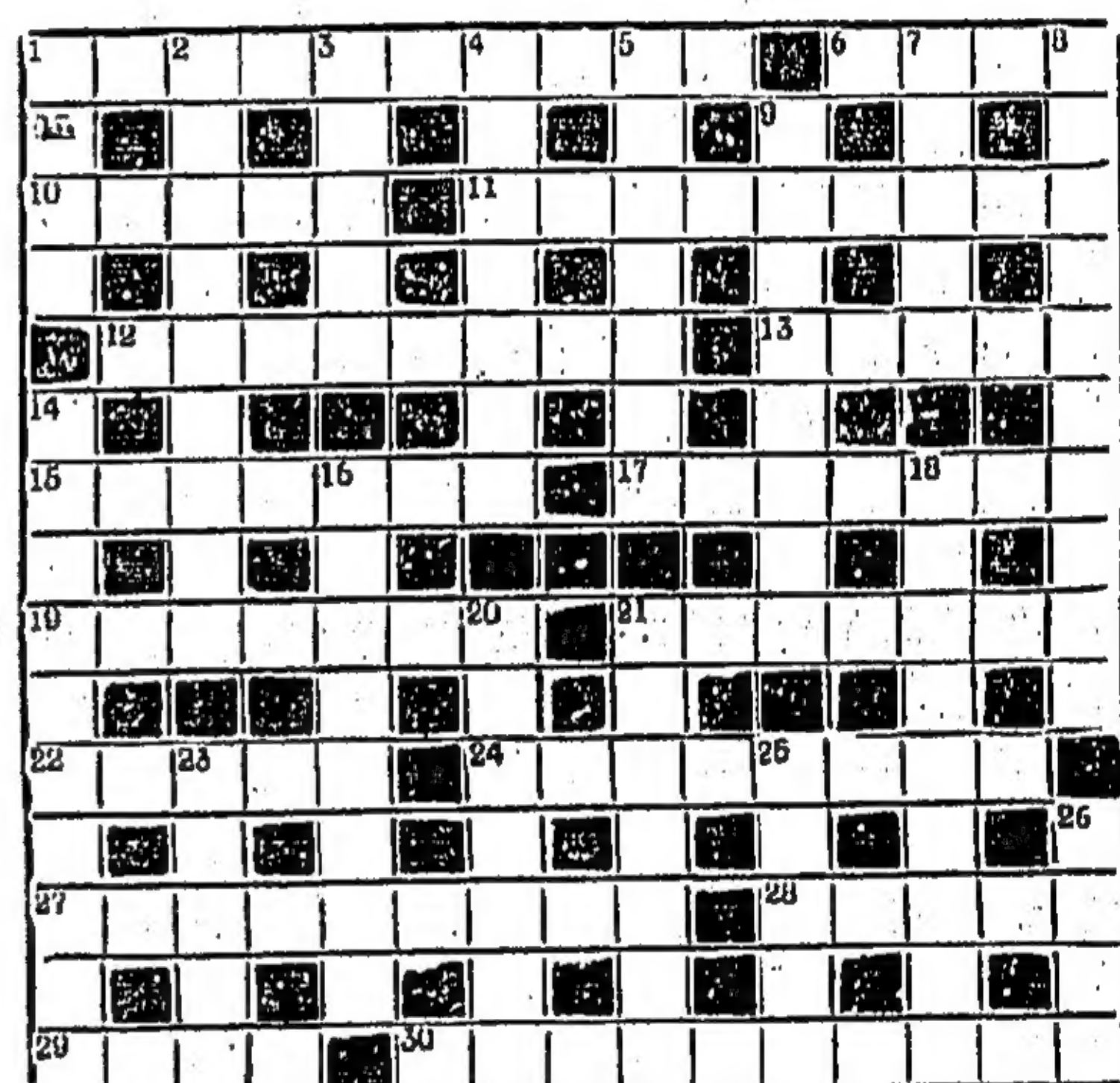
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OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS



- ACROSS
- 1 It will undergo changes of type before publication (10).
 - 6 It seems waste of time for the wicked to learn to play this (4).
 - 10 The shipwrecked Aberdonian who was picked up did not say it until he was sure his passage home was free (5).
 - 11 One must pity those who are still suffering from this (9).
 - 12 Part is in Belgium, part in Holland and in a French town (8).
 - 13 A great singer (5).
 - 15 When kings of old went abroad this followed as a matter of course (7).
 - 17 Changes in a soil (7).
 - 19 Strive to upset someone (7).
 - 21 Famous Arab who had his home in a most unusual place, apparently (7).
 - 22 There's some change in France's pocket for a time (5).
 - 24 If this engine fails it goes out of the last part (8).
 - 27 "Let Ada tub" (anag.) (9).
 - 28 Wherein 13 across was often seen (5).
 - 29 Given the necessary pluck this may be got from 6 across (4).
 - 30 The undergraduate who is not necessarily this from his fellows (10).
- DOWN
- 1 Part of the ship suitable for only pigs to live on (4).
 - 2 It would be a boiling description of "Lorna Doone" (9).
 - 3 Kind of chair the Danes gave us (5).
 - 4 The kind of boy that goes home from the party (7).
 - 5 This goes up in Summer when the end comes out (7).
 - 7 Credit as arranged (5).
 - 8 With rage consumed? (10).
 - 9 Careless to rush after the upset pot (8).
 - 14 Not struck in the face, but lashed by the tongue (10).
 - 16 This is disturbed by the crackers at Christmas (8).
 - 18 The kind of congregation that is no credit to the preacher (9).
 - 20 This can be got from the scent it leaves (7).
 - 21 Ungrammatical man's roundabout reference to himself and his girl (7).
 - 23 In this at least the world is constant (5).
 - 25 May be a striking contributory factor to the common weal (5).
 - 26 This is found amid the rocks and pools (4).

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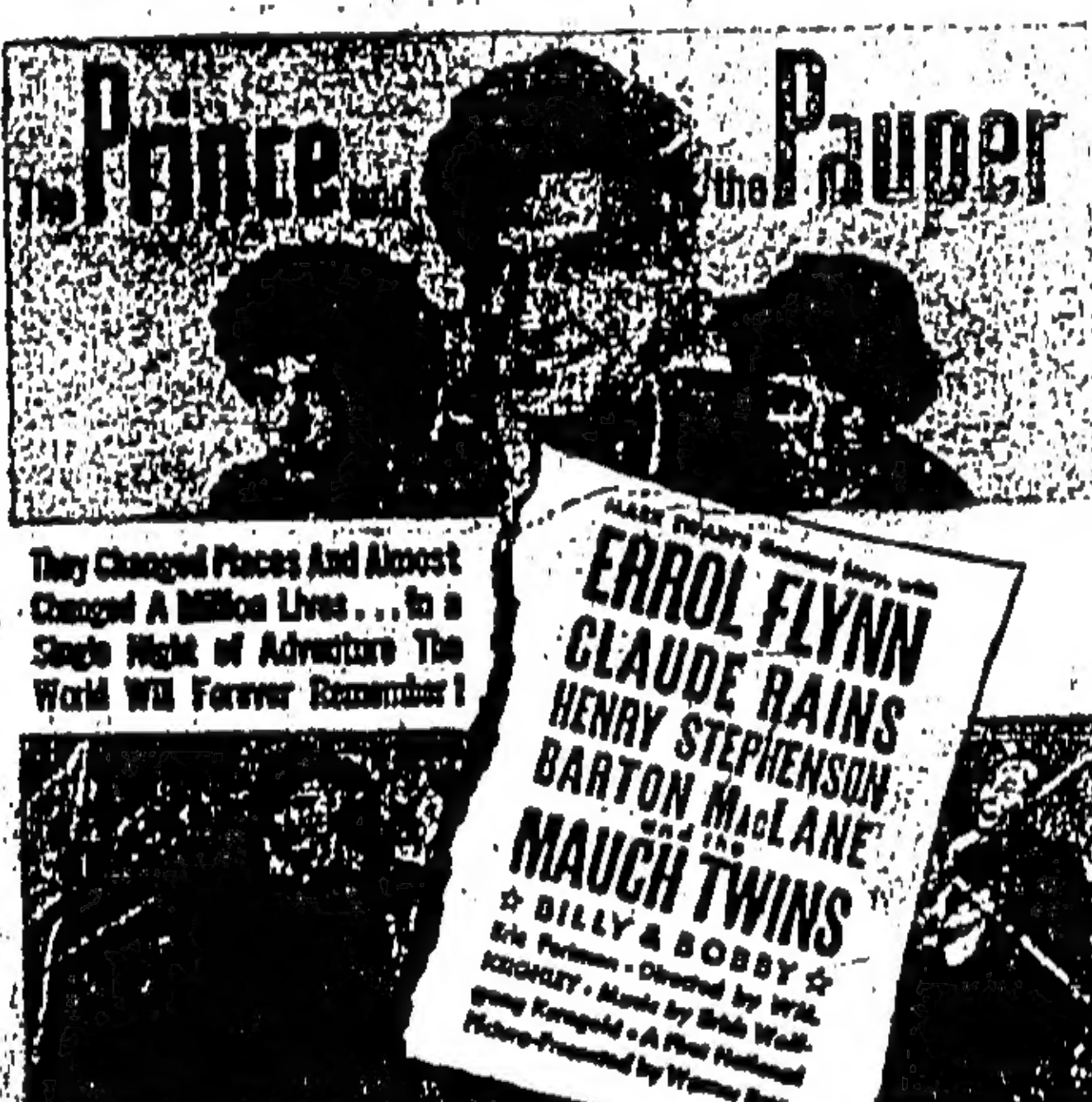
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The following schools were represented: Central British School, the Diocesan Girls' School, Bellios Girls' School, St. Stephen's Girls' College, Garrison School, St. Paul's College and the Kowloon Junior School. In connection with Empire Day, a Commemorative Service was held at the Roman Catholic Cathedral this morning and was attended by a congregation from all parts of the Colony, including boys and girls from Catholic Schools and troops of Boy Scouts and Girl Guides.

The service began with a hymn, and following this the Rev. Fr. C. Winstanley, Chaplain to the Forces, delivered a Children's Address. After the singing of "O Salutaris," and "Tantum Ergo," benediction with the Blessed Sacrament was given by the Rt. Rev. Bishop H. Valtorta. The service concluded with the singing of God Save the King.

ADMITS GERMAN ADVISERS TO LEAVE CHINA

Hankow, May 24. "It is quite true that German advisers have been ordered to leave the Chinese armies," declared Dr. O. Trautmann, the German Ambassador in China, in an interview with Reuters last night.

"This has been done because Germany is anxious to remain strictly neutral in the Far Eastern dispute," he added.

Dr. Trautmann indicated that it was too early to give any details regarding the departure of the German advisers, but other sources stated that it would be within a fortnight or even earlier.

The Red Cross Mission, comprising four doctors, which arrived from Germany, may prevent a "violent and bloody seizure of Czechoslovakia," was expressed by Mr. Winston Churchill when he addressed his constituents at Chingford to-night.

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INTERVIEW "NOT UNFAVOURABLE"

Prague, May 23. Herr Konrad Henlein had an interview with Dr. Hodza this evening. Sudeten-German circles declare that the conversations "have not been unfavourable," and that the Czech Premier has shown himself in a conciliatory light.—Reuters.

HSUCHOW BATTLE NOT DECISIVE

Hankow, May 24. The situation on the Lunghai Railway front is quiet, following Chinese advances eastward from Lanfeng and Kwetich, according to a Chinese military spokesman. Chinese troops from Kouchen, Tsaoisien and Kwetich have converged on the Japanese forces north-east of Lanfeng from three directions, forcing the enemy to retire.

Chinese troops at Kwetich launched an attack on Japanese forces appearing to the east of the city, and the enemy has withdrawn south-west.

The spokesman declared that the battle of Hsuehchow was a major battle but not a decisive one. The Chinese forces had held up the Japanese drive for four months and had inflicted heavy losses in the northern and southern sections of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and also in south-west Shantung. They were ordered to retire on May 19, and retreated in obedience to these orders from the Hsuehchow and Tschengchow areas to designated positions.

With the Lunghai Railway cut west of Hsuehchow the loss of some rolling stock and supplies was only natural, he declared.

The Chinese troops had safely reached their new positions without serious Japanese opposition en route.

Whether the Japanese can use the Tientsin-Pukow and Lunghai railways remains to be seen. In view of the precarious Japanese positions on the Tungpu Railway in Shansi.—Reuters.

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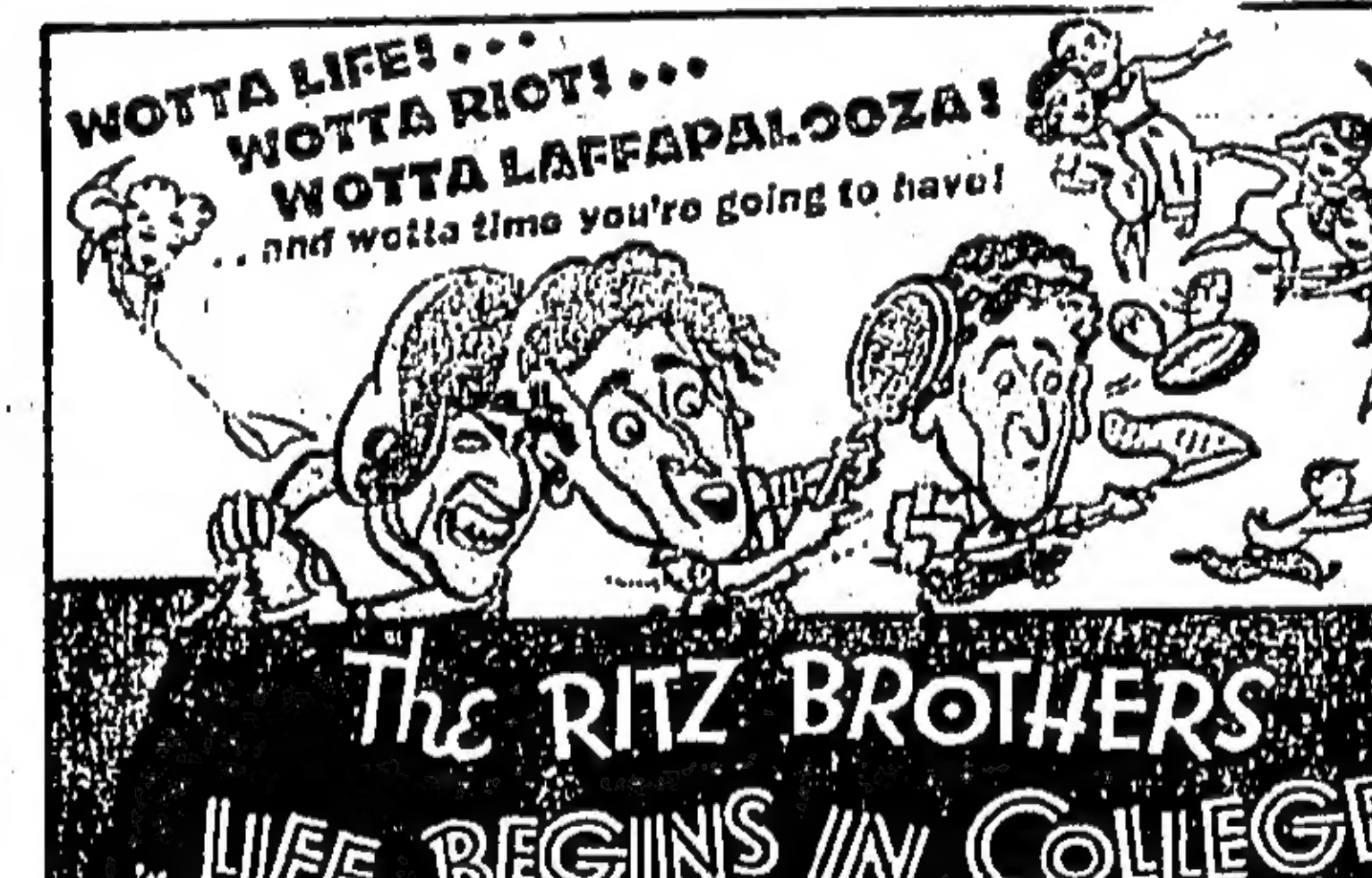
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